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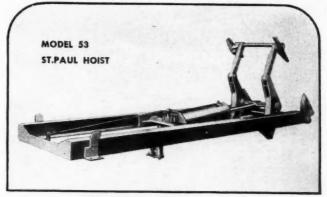
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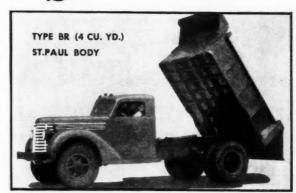
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Sheep, hogs and cattle aren't dainty critters to truck-haul from stock-yards to packing plants. Petroleum products don't scent the air with the delicate odors of French perfumes. Truck transport is a hard-driving, tough-talking business.

It's a man's realm, truck transport, but give that realm a second look and this is what you find—important American truck lines are sometimes operated by attractive women.

One of these women is Mrs. Leone Willers, owner of Willers Truck Service, Sioux Falls, S. D. Sixteen years ago Mrs. Willers started with a second-hand truck. She drove it herself.

Today Willers Truck Service operates 34 International Trucks and 35 livestock semi-trailers, in eight states. Forty drivers and five shop mechanics are employed. The fleet has hauled 10,000 animals in a single night.

Another lady truck-line operator is Mrs. Mabel Herman, owner of the Herman Oil Transport Company, Fremont, Nebr., who became a truck operator when an accident robbed her of her husband. Mrs. Herman, like Mrs. Willers, started with a single truck.

By 1939 Mrs. Herman had become the leading petroleum transporter in Nebraska. Her biggest semi-trailers haul 5,400 gallons of oil on a single run. Each truck and semi-trailer averages 12,000 miles of highway travel a month. She employs 30 drivers.

Yes, these two ladies operate truck lines. They talk to drivers, mechanics, shippers and consignees in the language that each understands.

That's one side of their personalities. The other is charm, femininity, and taste in dress and decoration. And note this evidence of business acumen:

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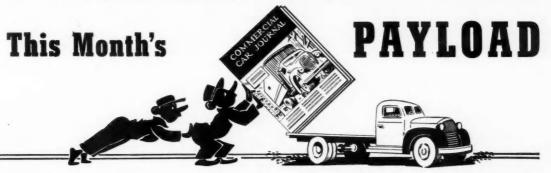
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As a time-saving service, this and following pages contain digests of the leading articles in this issue

Custom-Styled Postwar Bodies



PRIOR to the war, COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL presented, as a service to its readers, a series of articles on truck body design entitled, "Body of the Month," written by E. M. Westberg. These articles described attractive and utilitarian truck body designs with specifications to permit construction, if desired. The designs were original and were offered by the designer as suggestions for fleet operators interested not only in improving the appearance of their fleets but also in obtaining greater payloads.

During the war, invaluable truck body experience has been gained, and lessons learned, by fleet operator and body designer. As a service to its readers, COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL desires

to see the experiences gained by both operator and designer, coordinated and developed to the fullest extent. Consequently, Mr. Westberg again has been retained to prepare a new series of truck

body design articles.

The basis of all designs will be data obtained and compiled from the questionnaire accompanying this article. All that is required is for each fleet operator to fill in the data pertaining to his operation, such as type of body required, loading requirements and so on. The questionnaire should be mailed to the Editor, as indicated on that page. (Turn to Page 42, please.)



Overcharge — A Summer Enemy



by W. H. CROUSE, Delco-Remy Division, Anderson, Ind.

A BATTERY is more apt to become overcharged in the summer than any other season.

When a battery is producing current, the sulphuric acid in the electrolyte enters into chemical action with the lead compounds in the battery plates. The sulphuric acid leaves the electrolyte. When used up, the battery must be recharged.

During the recharging, sulphuric acid reappears in the electrolyte . . . the battery reaches a fully charged condition. If charging continues beyond this point, the battery will be overcharged. It will gas and excessive gassing will ruin a battery . . . evidence is excessive water consumption.

As a first step in correcting the condition, find out whether the overcharge is being caused by troubles in the generator or regulator, or by temperature. If battery is at high temperature, it will act as though it is only partly charged even though it is fully charged. The regulator will, therefore, permit the charging rate to remain excessively high.

To take care of this battery peculiarity, many manufacturers specify lower voltage regulator setting.

If overcharge is not due to high temperature, then a simple check may be made to determine whether it is resulting from defects in the generator or regulator. (Turn to Page 40, please.)



Lube Board -- Center of Maintenance



by BENTON L. TRERISE, Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.

RAVELING two million miles a year, our 150 bakery trucks in the Los Angeles Division employ a fast, efficient method of governing maintenance routine. The lube board has been the answer to our prayers for almost 10 years. Its simplicity, and the ease with which it can be understood and worked, has saved Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc., many dollars, improved preventive maintenance, and added longer life to our fleet.

The lube board carries a set of two cards for every vehicle in the fleet; a Service Operations card and a Gas-Oil-Miles Record card, placed one above the other and held in a tin rack.

At the end of the day, when the entries have been taken from the master Gas-Oil-Miles card kept at the gas pump and transferred to the individual trucks' Gas-Oil-Miles cards on the lube board, the lube man can tell when the truck is ready for its regular 1500-mile lubrication. The motor man can tell, by looking at oil consumption, when a truck is consuming too many quarts of oil and, consequently, should have an engine overhaul.

A great time saver is the fact that all specialists, in making their daily checks, can approximate the number of trucks due for each of the three major inspections and plan their work accordingly. (Turn to Page 54, please.)



Coupling Failures Prevented



RECOGNIZING the fact that many a loaded trailer has gone crashing to the ground because of an improper coupling at the fifth wheel, two North Carolina motor freight lines have developed simple and inexpensive preventive methods.

Akers Motor Lines, Inc., has installed curved reinforced concrete curbing wherever trailers are parked. Not only does the curbing provide a positive stop against the trailer's tendency to back up when coupled, but it also protects both trailer end and loading dock from impact injury.

Atlantic States Motor Lines' solution came in the form of a slightly convex trough of reinforced concrete at ground level. These troughs are installed wherever trailers are parked in large



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numbers, and provide adequate footing to assure proper alignment at all times. (Turn to Page 53, please.)



Shop Plans for a 1000-vehicle fleet

by ELLIS W. TEMPLIN, Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power

N PLANNING for our new shop, one of the first considerations was the volume of work and type of operations required. From the latest annual report of the section, covering one full year's activity, we secured a breakdown of operations. Basing our decision principally on the major items listed, we determined the equipment and tools needed to implement the shop operations.

In planning the layout and flow of work through the shop, there are six major items which must be carefully considered: Problems of unit or parts handling, shop operating efficiency, power use efficiency, shop maintenance efficiency, orderliness, ease of supervision.

As a result of careful consideration of all these and other factors, we evolved the plans shown. The main building is to be a modern one-story, fire-resistant structure with concrete floor, masonry walls, saw-tooth roof, sprinklers throughout. Its dimensions are approximately 265 x 160 ft.

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The natural question is, "Will the investment in the new buildings and equipment be profitable?"

This question was given special study. Taking into account the proposed additional new shop equipment, most of land and building, the shop rates would increase 17 cents an hour. The considered conservative opinion of the committee was that the new facilities would improve the overall working efficiency of the shop by at least 32 per cent and possibly 50 per cent. In addition, it has been estimated that approximately \$350 can be saved annually by housing vehicles indoors. (See Page 62.)



Truck Tire Leasing Prospects Poor



by LEONARD WESTRATE, CCJ Detroit News Editor

RECENTLY, COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL went to the major tire companies to find out why no tire leasing program, similar to that carried on with bus lines, has not been developed for truck fleet operators. These representatives stated that no such leasing program is contemplated and explained why.

The reason that tire companies will enter into tire leasing agreements with bus lines and not with truck operators is that bus operations are pretty well defined and controlled.

Trucks, on the other hand, operate on a very flexible basis. Overloading is prevalent, tire maintenance sometimes is not too good, they are free to travel over all kinds of roads and terrain—and the operation generally is extremely difficult to control.

Another angle the tire companies are not overlooking is that if tire leasing should become general, the truck tire dealer, with the valuable services he performs, probably would be washed out of the picture, since few have facilities to service a lease contract.

A cardinal point in the tire companies' view on tire leasing plans is that such an agreement can effect no savings that the truck operator cannot himself achieve through a careful tire PM.

They say that the best bet for the trucker is to buy his tires at the best possible price he can bargain for and then follow a careful program of tire maintenance. (See Page 45, please.)

Consolidated Builds Reefer-Freighters



by WARREN E. CRANE

PETER JOLLY, head of Consolidated Freightways' body shop has effected a number of striking innovations in truck and trailer body design. By unique methods, he and his men have eliminated all excess weight by as much as 2000 lb. per body without sacrificing strength or durability. This, in a truck and trailer combination, nets a weight saving by as much as 4500 lb., in comparison with comparable standard equipment.

Peter Jolly also designed a new type floor for truck and trailer bodies. It is made of aluminum, channeled construction, and considered to be one of the most important forward steps in body construction since the innovation of aluminum.

Wood racks take the actual wear and tear. They are hinged at the sides and stand out of the way during cleaning. They are easily replaceable when worn. Channeling also permits ventilation.

All bodies have a dry-ice blower built into the front panel. A folding bulkhead is carried as part of standard equipment. The bulkhead may be stationed in any part of the body, effectively sealing off perishable from imperishable freight. (Turn to Page 70, please.)



Eyeing Trade-Trained Teen-Agers



by HARRIE H. BIERMAN

A MONG the fleet manager's serious labor problems is the shortage of good "helper" material. For the fleet boss who has such a problem, there is likely to be a solution: Tradetrained youngsters turned out by vocational schools. Partially supported by government funds, participating institutions must maintain instruction standards prescribed by Federal Office of Education.

A certain amount of classroom work is integrated with practical shop experience. Prospective trainees are carefully screened to determine their fitness.

First year subjects include: Shop layout, tools and equipment; wheels, rims and tires; front axles; springs, shock absorbers and wheel suspension; steering gears; rear axles; brakes; universal and propeller shafts; clutches and transmissions.

Second year subjects cover engines, carburetion, fuel feed, and all branches of automotive electricity, including battery testing and maintenance.

How do these school-trained teen-agers prove up in fleet shops? Fleet shop managers who have given them a trial are highly pleased.

The pay rate for automotive course students runs from \$10 a week for part time to a high of \$50 for full employment. The average is \$20 to \$25. (Turn to Page 48, please.)



Rebuild-Test Stand Speeds Overhauls



by EMERY B. STROUD, Cleveland Cartage Co., Cleveland

A BOUT two years ago, our chief mechanic built a portable engine stand to speed up and facilitate the various phases of engine overhauling. Using scrap picked up around the garage, he made it in about 24 hours. It is mounted on rollers and can be moved where desired.

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Should the Truck Industry Celebrate Its Golden Jubilee in 1948?

EARLY this month Detroit set aside the better part of two weeks to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the automobile industry. Fifty years ago—that would be 1896—Henry Ford and Charles B. King publicly drove cars of their own making on the streets of Detroit. These historical events give Detroit a valid reason to celebrate 50 years of automotive progress.

* * *

It should not be assumed, however, that 1896 marked the birth of the automotive industry in the United States. There were many public demonstrations of automotive vehicles prior to 1896 in many parts of the country. The records also show that a number of automobile companies were formed before that date. Automotive pioneers take the position that it is impossible to fix on a definite date which could be considered the authentic date on which the automo-

Does 1896 mark the beginning of the truck industry in the United States? Digging back into the files of The Horseless Age, the first issue of which was published in November, 1895, the writer came up with some interesting data which permit the drawing of some conclusions.

tive industry was born.

In the first issue of *The Horseless Age* there are two mentions of "business wagons," as trucks were called back in those days. Richard F. Stewart, of Pocantico Hills, N. Y., was reported "experimenting on a method of applying power" to a business wagon, using a 2-hp. Daimler motor. A sketch of the business wagon accompanies the item. Subsequent issues fail to report the result of Mr. Stewart's efforts.

In that same issue, Gerry Schleicher, of Schleicher & Sons, piano manufacturer of Stamford, Conn., was said to have "about completed a business wagon, one of the novel features of which is the wheels." These wheels were of corrugated stamped steel surrounded by a heavy rim of the same material. The hind wheels weighed "about 100 lb. apiece." Mr. Schleicher apparently realized he had to save weight somewhere and so his "hubs are of aluminum, securely bolted to the steel." There is no evidence to indicate what happened to this corrugated contraption. However, it may have been the first of the disk wheels applied to motor vehicles.

* * *

The January, 1896, issue provides proof that use of the new automotive vehicle for business purposes was not being overlooked by the pioneers. The C. E. Woods Co., Chicago electrical engineers, had spent "a large amount of time and money investigating the motor vehicle question purely from a practical and engineering point of view." This "careful inquiry into public sentiment and conditions convinced the Woods company that the first demand for motor vehicles is for light delivery wagons; then for public conveyances; then for liveries where the carriages can be rented by the public at large, and probably, after an accumulation of experience in these directions, heavy trucks will be considered." The illustrations accompanying the item from which the above is taken, included a drawing of an "electric delivery wagon."

Evidently the Woods company was not able immediately to justify its findings with production and sales because the credit for the "first commercial electric delivery wagon in the U. S." fell to another company, as will be shown later on in this chronological account. Eventually Woods did become one of the largest builders of electric vehicles.

The gasoline engine and electric motor were competing for public favor. The May, 1896, issue reports that "The Lengert Co., well known wagon builders of Philadelphia, Pa., have entered in the Cosmopolitan race a motor delivery wagon, which they are making preparations to manufacture in considerable numbers." It had a single cylinder engine with a bore of 53% in. and a stroke of 51/2 in. Built "on an original plan" it gave "variable horsepower from 4 hp. to 13½ hp." The horsepower must have been variable indeed because the vehicle never showed up in the Cosmopolitan race.

The first Horseless Age mention of a steam-propelled motor van appeared in the December, 1896, issue. The Cruickshank Steam Engine Works, of Providence, R. I., took one of its steam engines, unhitched two horses from one of the vans operated by Shepard & Co., large Providence department store, substituted the engine for the horse power and came up with a "steam van for delivering furniture and other household goods." There is no record that Cruickshank ever built or offered for sale a complete vehicle.

Credit for building the "first commercial electric delivery wagon in the U. S." is given by The Horseless Age to Riker Electric Motor Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., in its issue of October, 1898, with a photograph of a job built for B. Altman & Co., New York City. It (TURN TO PAGE 246, PLEASE)



WHAT IMPROVEMENTS IN 1947 C.O.E. MODELS

Driver Comfort

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Special

Features

Company	C.O.E. Models Percentage Production (Prewar)	Range C.O.E. Models (Prewar)	Range C.O.E. Models	Improved Suspension	Cab Ventilation	Cab Heating	Better Seats	Better Accessibility (controls)	Engine Relocation	Ease of Inspection	Bigger Engines	Higher Road Speed	Wheelbase Range	
A	40	23,000; 26,000; 28,000;												
_	4.0	30,000 G.V.W.	Same	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	(1)	(1)	(1)	
В	10	14 models	Possibly not	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
C	Small	Only custom-built	Small	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
D	Small		Not decided	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B C D E F	None 5	17,000; 20,000; 25,000 G.V.W.	None 17,000; 20,000; 28,000 G.V.W.	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
G	15 to 20	13,000 to 36,000 G.V.W. for trucks and to 60,000	G.V.W.	_	165	162	103	165	169	165	168	168	105	
		G.T.W. for tractors	Same	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	Yes	(2)	(2)	
H	None		None	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1	None		None		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
J	None		Possibly some	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
K	Small	Special order only. Minimum rating 24,000												
		G.V.W	24,000 to 36,000 G.V.W.	Yes	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
L	1	1½, 2, 2½, and 3-ton	1½ to 5-ton	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	No	No	No	
M	None		None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
N	2 to 3	14,000; 17,000; 20,000; 28,000 G.V.W.	Plans for 1946 uncertain	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0	10	1½ ton and upward	11/2 ton and upward	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

(1) Will parallel improvements in conventional models (2) Same as prewar

TABULATION OF CONFIDENTIAL RETURNS 1947 C.O.E. MODEL PROGRAMS

Progress and Improvements

LEETMEN hungry for trucks bearing the fruits of wartime experience have a special interest in what is coming in the cab-over-engine models for 1947. At the last SAE Annual Meeting there was ample evidence of a radical change in thinking about transportation equipment. One of the biggest sessions seethed with ideas on driver comfort-on the need for giving the driver everything he needs to ease his main job of piloting an expensive load and an equally expensive vehicle to its destination, quickly and safely.

What is new in c.o.e.'s for 1947? Some of the answers will be found in this study conducted for COMMER-CIAL CAR JOURNAL readers, based upon contacts with every important manufacturer in the truck field. Driver comfort, improved maintenance, better performance - these and other questions have been given a thorough going over.

Introduced originally to meet special local operating conditions or to offset the debilitating effects of state limitations upon road transportation, the early cab-over-engine vehicles represented the best compromises possible with the then existing conventional motor trucks. Since then they have had the benefit of progressive improvement and design change paralleling similar improvements in conventional truck chasses.

Improvements on the Way

MORE recently, it has become evident that the postwar c.o.e. is being given a thorough going over by some of the leading manufacturers. Unmistakably, we have reached the point where this specialized vehicle will be tailored not only to meet the special operating conditions in which it reigns supreme but to endow it with long awaited and necessary improvements.

Judging by the evidence, the c.o.e.

Some manufacturers tell of plans, others are mum; consensus is that increased accessibility and driver comfort top list.

Other improvements will match new trucks

by JOSEPH GESCHELIN

Commercial Car Journal, Detroit Technical Editor



on Postwar C. O. E.'s

of 1947, or later dated, in some instances will have special features contributing to the comfort of the driver, with more attention to accessibility of controls, and increased accessibility of mechanical units to facilitate inspection and repair operations and, thereby, reduce operating costs.

Furthermore, since the c.o.e. jobs progress with improvements in conventional units, quite a number of manufacturers will make available in their c.o.e.'s the features of the modern trend to bigger engines, higher road speeds and a greater range in wheelbase options.

Going over the returns of the CCJ survey, it is obvious that the background of strikes and general economic un certainty I ve delayed action on the part of many important companies. Although they all cooperated, the majority asked us to hold their returns confidential, so as to afford an opportunity of confirming their plans later on. In other cases, manufacturers have their plans firmed up but have asked to keep the information confidential because they are not yet at the announcement stage. On the other hand, there are some who are ready and willing to talk about their 1947 plans. These companies are being quoted directly.

White's Plans and Objectives

AS AN example of a frank and open statement of objectives, we give you the following excerpt from a letter received from Robert Cass, assistant to the president of The White Motor Co.

"We propose to build a certain number of c.o.e.'s this year, generally similar to those which we built before the war but with some improvements made in the design which will facilitate maintenance. Our point of view regarding the c.o.e. of the future-or should we say the postwar c.o.e.—is that there is no excuse for continuing to bring out c.o.e.'s which are as bad, from a maintenance standpoint, as the designs were before the war. We feel, also, that something should be done about the ride of the vehicles and, in general, we believe it is possible to make a c.o.e. model which, in every respect, can be as good or better than a conventional model. This is actually a man-sized job but it represents the standards we have set up for our engineering department to meet.

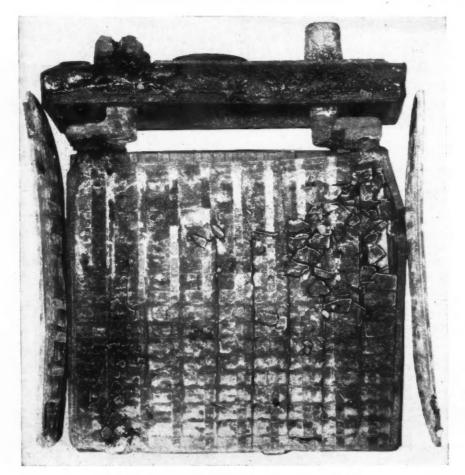
"Obviously, c.o.e.'s have been necessary in the past, however indifferently they have been designed, because of local operating conditions or state limitations, but we believe that the c.o.e. should be developed to a point where perhaps it could be regarded as being capable of meeting all truck operating conditions, regardless of the fact that it is a c.o.e.

"We agree also that the c.o.e. of the future will have to take into account an entirely different point of view in regard to driver comfort and we naturally expect to build into our postwar c.o.e. not only a greatly improved suspension from the standpoint of ride but would also expect to include a complete system of heating and ventilating which would be positive in action and which would operate without regard to vehicle movement. In addition to this, we will attmept to considerably improve vision and seating arrangements. We also hope that we shall ultimately build c.o.e.'s of horsepowers corresponding to those now used in the conventional designs, so that our gross weights also will be in keeping with the conventional line."

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OVERCHARGE . . . a Battery's

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Fig. 1. This is what happens to the positive plates in a cell as a result of overcharge. Positive plates are pushed up and short on the negative plate strap

Battery more apt to overcharge in summer than any other season. In addition to generator and regulator troubles, high temperature causes overcharging

by W. H. CROUSE
Service Engineer, Delco-Remy Division, Anderson, Ind.

AN OVERCHARGED battery is a sick battery. The more the battery is overcharged, the sicker it gets. Battery plates swell and warp, grids begin to go to pieces, until, finally, the battery dies of an internal short circuit.

A battery is more apt to be overcharged in the summer than any other season. It can give notice that it is being overcharged in several ways. The chemical actions produced by overcharge cause considerable water to be used up so that the overcharged battery needs a great deal of water to maintain the electrolyte level. Also, in later stages of overcharge, the swelling of the battery plates raises the positive side of the cell covers (Fig. 3). But before we go into this and analyze what takes place inside an overcharged battery, let us take a look at what occurs during normal battery operation.

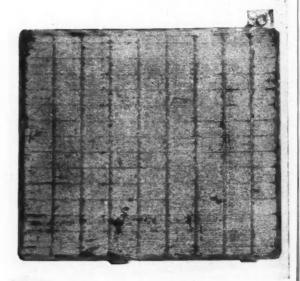


Fig. 2. Contrast this good plate with the one above. Active material adheres closely to crossbars of grid

Greatest Summer Enemy

Normal Battery Operation

WHEN a battery is producing current, the sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄) in the electrolyte enters into chemical action with the lead compounds in the battery plates. In the negative plate, the sponge lead turns into lead sulphate. In the positive plate, the lead peroxide (PBO₂) also changes into lead sulphate. As this action occurs, the sulphuric acid leaves the electrolyte and is replaced by water. When most of the sulphuric acid and active materials in the battery plates have been used up in this manner, the battery is discharged and must be recharged.

During the recharging action, the lead sulphate in the battery plates is reconverted into active material (into sponge lead in the negative plate and lead peroxide in the positive plate) and sulphuric acid reappears in the electrolyte. During this process, the water (H₂O) in the elec-

trolyte is broken down into its two constituent parts—hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen enters the positive plate where it converts the lead sulphate into lead peroxide. The sulphate leaves the plate and combines with the hydrogen to form sulphuric acid.

These chemical actions are rather difficult to understand but once understood, they provide a good explanation of the damage that occurs during overcharging.

Battery Overcharging

AS CURRENT continues to enter the battery, more and more of the lead sulphate in the battery plates is reconverted from sulphuric acid into active materials as already explained. Finally, however, as the battery reaches a fully charged condition, all of the lead sulphate has been reconverted. If charging action continues beyond this point, then the

battery will be overcharged. This means that the water in the electrolyte will continue to be broken down into its two component parts—hydrogen and oxygen. Most of these gases will be released so that the battery will gas. Excessive gassing will ruin a battery. The amount of gassing that occurs is, of course, dependent upon the amount of current going through the battery.

The hydrogen gathers at the negative plate but does little damage since it does not react chemically but escapes from the battery. The oxygen, however, gathers at the positive plate and, while much of it also escapes, part of it enters into the positive plates; in effect, it is looking for something to react with. Since all of the lead sulphate has already been reconverted into lead peroxide, the only thing that the free oxygen can react with is the plate grid structure which is made of lead alloy. It begins to turn the grids into lead peroxide. This does two things. First, it weakens the grid structure. Secondly, it causes the plates to swell since the lead peroxide requires more room than the lead in the grids alone. As a consequence, the plates hegin to swell and warp. Tremendous pressure is sometimes created (TURN TO PAGE 135, PLEASE)

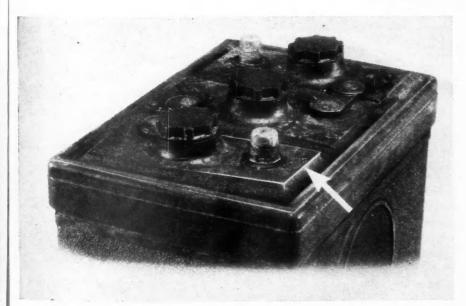


Fig. 3. Evidence of battery overcharge is the raising of the battery cell covers at the positive terminals. Plates swell and disintegrate and push top of the battery up





CUSTOM-STYLED Postwar Bodies



E. M. Westberg

PRIOR to the war, COMMER-CIAL CAR JOUR-NAL presented, as a service to its readers, a series of articles on truck body design entitled

"Body of the Month," written by E. M. Westberg. These articles described attractive and utilitarian truck body designs, with specifications to permit construction, if desired. The designs were original and were offered by the designer as suggestions for fleet operators interested not only in improving the appearance of their fleets but in obtaining more efficient bodies with greater payload possibilities.

Valuable Experience Gained

DURING the war, invaluable truck body experience has been gained, and lessons learned, by both the fleet operator and designer. On the part of the fleet operator, the lack of manpower, reduced route schedules, worn and inadequate equipment, and other emergencies, have brought to light many new and improved operating techniques and equipment possibilities. On the other hand, the designer, too, has had placed at his disposal, and has developed during the war production

As a reader service CCJ has retained a well-known truck body designer to develop modern, usable bodies employing postwar materials and fabricating facilities



years, new materials and fabricating facilities to meet accelerated wartime delivery schedules imposed on production men.

As a service to its readers, Com-MERCIAL CAR JOURNAL desires to see the experiences gained by both operator and designer, coordinated and developed to the fullest extent. Consequently, Mr. Westberg again has been retained to prepare a new series of truck body design articles. Practical, Usable Designs

IT IS intended that the designs comprising the new series be approached from a practical angle—namely, specific fleet requirements—and not general sketches created at random by the designer. To present such practical designs will require a great amount of research and study. Therefore, it is planned to create one set of body designs each month, cov-

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Body designs will be based on this questionnaire. The more details you supply, the better will the designer be equipped to solve your problem. Mail data to Editor, Commercial Car Journal. Please check only those items perc. Type: Double 9. Express Pick-Up Single | taining to your particular vocation and 10. Other Special Sliding | Hinge | Roll-Up | requirements and add any other help-3. Tailboards ful data on the lines provided. a. Size: Height Width b. Type: Flush [Inside [Out-A-TYPE OF BODY REQUIRED **B**—PREFERENCE FOR SPECIAL side 🔲 1. Panel 4. Folding Gates or Other Devices STYLING a. Conventional 1. Conventional b. Cab-Over-Engine 🗌 2. Streamlined 2. Trailer 3. Color a. Van 🗌 5. Interior Equipment a. Solid 🔲 a Racks 🗌 b. Shelves b. Rack b. Two-Toned [c. Platform 4. Advertising Panels c. Other a. Side 🗌 b. Front 6. Insulation a. Conventional c. Rear d. Roof [a Kapok 🗌 b. Glass 🗌 b. Cab-Over-Engine d. Other 5. Display Windows c. Cork 4. Ice Cream Body 6. Lettering 7. Refrigeration Equipment a. Conventional a. Painted 🗌 a. Dry Ice 🗌 b. Combination Panel & Pick-Up 🗌 b. Plastic 🗌 b. Mechanical — Unit on Truck [c. Sales (Novelty Type) c. Metal (Cast) c. Cold Hold-Over Plates [5. Bottlers 7. Special Lighting Effects d. Water Ice a. Conventional e. Other 8. Other Requirements 8. Loading Requirement b. Trailer a. Platform heights c. Door-to-Door b. Steps 6. Lumber c. Wheelpockets-Yes
No a. Rack 🗌 d Special Loading & Unlading Deb. Stake 🗌 C-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS .c. Platform 1. Size (Inside) vices 7. Dump a. Lengthb. Width a. Conventional c. Height b. Trailer 2. Doors a. Size: Height......Width..... 8. Tank a. Conventional b. Location: Side 🗌 Rear 🗌

Front [

b. Trailer

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Custom-Styled Postwar Bodies

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Carton Other	*******************************
b. Size: LengthWidth	
Height	***************************************
10. Skirt Panels	2. Hardware
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c. Type Compartment Doors	c. Locks
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	Chrome Other
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wood Steel Aluminum	Stationary Arrangment
Magnesium 🗌	h. Stakes—Type: Removable
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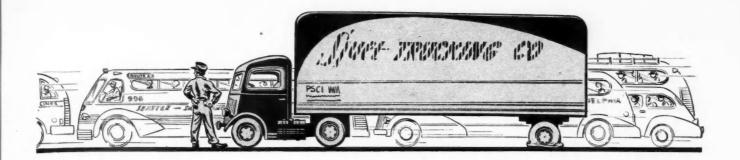
This design will be developed by careful analysis and selection of the best and most practical ideas and requirements of the respective fleet operators in the particular fields. The ideas and requirements will be coordinated and designed by employing the most suitable materials and fabricating facilities by the designer, keeping in mind, at all times, operating efficiency and initial production costs. This close coordination between operator and designer should produce the most practical and efficient design relative to requirements for each particular vocation.

Based on Questionnaire

THE basis of all designs will be data obtained and compiled from the questionnaire accompanying this article. The questions cover all possible vocations, industries and requirements. All that is required is for each fleet operator to fill in the data pertaining to his operation such as type of body required, loading requirements and so on. The questionnaire should be mailed to the Editor, COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL, 56th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia 39, Pa.

All Original Designs

AS SOON as received, all data will be turned over to Mr. Westberg. He then will proceed to develop designs that will meet the conditions specified. In this way, readers will be assured that all body designs will be practical and capable of actual construction. The ultimate value of the articles will be in direct proportion to operators' responses and completeness in indicating their requirements.



POR a long time truck fleet operators have been eyeing with envy the tire leasing contracts which many bus lines hold with tire companies. From time to time, truck operators have made demands on tire manufacturers that a similar arrangement be effected for the trucking industry. The question is of considerable interest, and the pros and cons have been batted around between truckers and tiremen for several years, with no appreciable success.

COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL recently went into the problem with representatives of the major tire companies to find out, if possible, why no tire leasing program, similar to that carried on with bus lines, has not been developed for truck fleet operators. These representatives stated that no such leasing program is contemplated at present and explained why.

No Significant Saving

IN THE first place, the tire industry realizes that truck operators would like a tire leasing program because it would give them a controlled and budgeted per-mile tire cost. In addition, there is a general belief among operators that their tire costs would be lower. This, however, is an assumption that the tire companies dispute vigorously, based on the experience with bus fleets.

As one spokesman put it, "There is no significant saving in tire cost to the bus companies under a tire leasing plan. About the only advantage is that we, instead of they, have to worry about the mechanics of keeping tires rolling."

Bus Conditions Controlled

THE reason that the tire companies will enter into tire leasing agreements with bus lines and not with truck operators is that bus opera-

Truck Tire Leasing Prospects Poor

CCJ survey shows services and charges required would not save money for truck fleet operators; own programs best bet

by LEONARD WESTRATE

Commercial Car Journal, Detroit News Editor

tions are pretty well defined and controlled, whereas trucking conditions vary all over the lot. Buses travel over established routes and with fixed maximum loads. Thus, mileage is easily determined and overloading is not a factor. Road conditions are known and generally are the best. Under such conditions, the tire companies can come out on their investment, although most of them are not too enthusiastic about bus tire leasing, which continues out of precedent.

Trucking Conditions Difficult

TRUCKS, on the other hand, operate on a very flexible basis. Overloading is prevalent, tire maintenance sometimes is not too good, they are free to travel over all kinds of roads and terrain and operation generally is extremely difficult to control. Some truck operations might be of such nature that condi-

tions could be controlled sufficiently to warrant a tire lease, but the practical considerations of discriminating against the large percentage of truckers whose operations will not justify a lease program are a hurdle the tire companies do not want to tackle.

Financing also a Problem

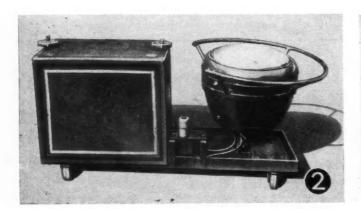
ONE of the most important objections to a leasing program from the company standpoint is that, even if it were advisable, the financing problem would make it almost impossible. Under present conditions, with relatively low profit margins, most of the money received for sale of tires goes back into the business for building more tires. If the company were to lease the tires, it would get its money back in dribs and drabs over a long period, and would soon run into an operating deficit unless some means of outside financ-

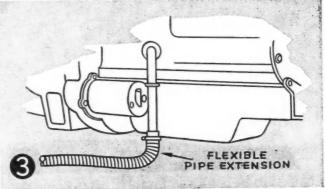
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SHOP and SALVAGE HINTS

Commercial Car Journal will pay \$5 for acceptable shop hints and \$5 for parts salvage tips. A snapshot or a rough drawing with a simple explanation is all that is needed. CCJ will polish them for publication. Send one in today! Shown at right is a typical contribution—just a rough sketch and a brief statement of the problem and its solution. See how it looks in Fig. 1. This brought Mr. Thomas \$5. There are other \$5 bills waiting for your contributions. Don't underestimate your ideas. Let the editor judge.







2. Portable Shop Light

by David J. Seigel, Fleet Super. Metropolitan Distributors, Inc. New York, N. Y.

Here is a drawing of one of our most useful shop units. It is a 6-volt battery and shop light mounted on low casters and designed especially for rolling under vehicles in places where there is no electric power.

There is very little material needed to construct this light. Take a length of angle iron and weld it into a rectangular shape large enough to accommodate a storage battery. Weld two 3/16 x 1-in. straps to this frame in a position where they will hold the battery at the ends as shown.

The next step is to take a sealed beam headlamp and mount it to the frame with an adjustable swivel. This can be obtained from a rear view mirror. Around the edge of the light fix a circle of ¼-in. round stock for a guard. Between the light and the battery mount an ordinary dimmer switch and connect the unit.

3. Breather Pipe Extension

by Jean Babin, Garage Super. Columbian Laundry Newark, N. J.

On most small trucks from ½ to 1½-ton capacity there is a short breather pipe extending from the valve plate cover or from the side

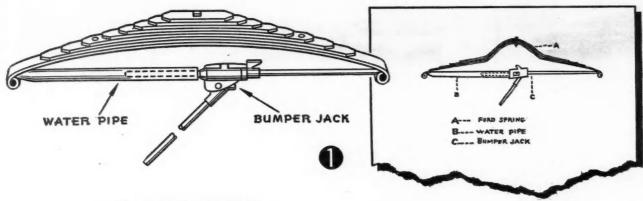
of the engine. This pipe in many cases just reaches the bottom of the block, and when rings get bad or on a windy day, crankcase fumes blow up into the cab of the truck.

We have licked this trouble with a very little work by putting a flexible pipe extension over the breather in the manner shown in the drawing. Now we are not troubled by fumes and gases no matter how hot the weather or the engine.

4. Ford Clutch Repair

by G. E. Upperman, Garage Super. Continental Baking Co. Wheeling, W. Va.

When we find it necessary to re-



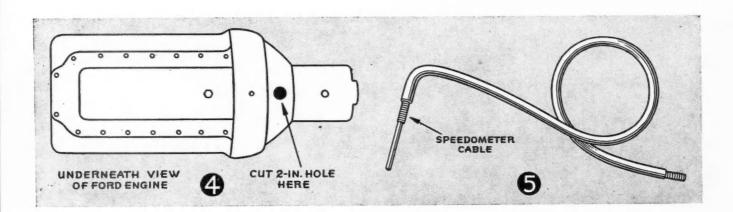
1. Ford Spring Expander

by John T. Thomas, Thomas Bros., Paw Paw, Mich.

I made a good spring expander to use in our shop on Ford cars and trucks. It is made with a regular bumper jack and two feet of 1½-in. pipe. One end of the pipe is hammered down to form a wedge to fit between the spring leaf and the spring eye. One end of the bumper jack rod is filed down to fit on the opposite end of the spring.

The jig is now placed between the eyes as shown in the sketch and the ends forced apart. The tool really saves a lot of time when installing springs.





place a clutch throw-out yoke pin in our Ford 1½-ton trucks, we cut a 2-in. hole in the under side of the transmission housing so that the part can be removed without disassembling the transmission. The attached sketch shows the under side of the Ford engine and transmission and the location of this hole.

This opening is cut with a 1/8-in. drill. A plug or a cover may be put over it with a couple of spots of electric welds.

This short cut saves plenty of time when a pin shears off or a finger breaks off the yoke, as it is possible to install the yoke through this opening.

5. Tube Bending Tip

by W. B. Anderson Commonwealth Baking Co. Chelsea, Mass.

In bending brass and copper tubing for fuel pump, carburetor or hydraulic brake line connections, I find this practice easy and fool-proof.

Take an old speedometer cable, put a little grease on it and insert it through the tube. Now when it is bent, the sides will not collapse.

6. Lubricating Engines

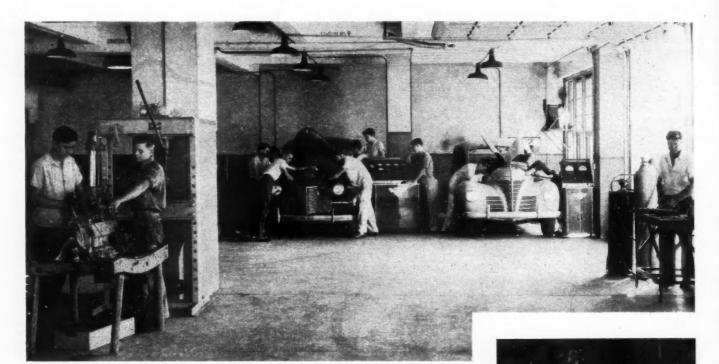
by S. Fischer, Foreman East End Dairies, Indianapolis, Ind.

After assembling, painting and installing newly overhauled engines,

we find that upon starting it up, there is no oil pressure at all, because the oil pump will not prime itself. We have a quick way of priming the pump which is much easier than the common procedure of disassembling it.

We take our bearing leak detector, which is run by an electric drill, and connect the hose to the oil system. This fills up the entire oil system in a short while and floods every part with oil.

With this method we eliminate the customary practice of pulling a new job for a few blocks to circulate the oil. This practice saves a lot of time in getting out a job.



Sectional view of part of the automotive repair shop used in the training of teenage mechanics. The boys at left are experimenting with a boring bar on a "guinea pig" engine. Right. D. J. Province, auto course instructor, Tech High School, Miami, Fla., shows trainee how to adjust apparatus for wheel alignment

Eyeing Trade - Trained TEEN - AGERS

Vocational schools are developing good mechanic's helpers, mentally and manually trained and with good work habits; part-time jobs provide some experience

by HARRIE H. BIERMAN

AMONG the fleet maintenance manager's more serious labor problems is the current shortage of good "helper" material—personnel which can be depended upon to do today's job well and which can be developed into Grade A mechanics.

For the fleet boss who has such a problem, there is likely to be a ready-to-hand solution: The trade-trained youngsters turned out by the vocational education schools. Most of the larger cities and many of the smaller ones, throughout the country, have schools of this kind, which offer automotive repair and associated courses.

Partially supported, in a majority



Above. Working as a team, these teenagers are learning engine tear-down reassembly. Here they dismantle clutch

Below. A school student employs electrically-powered equipment to reface a

of cases, by government-contributed funds, participating institutions must maintain the instructional standards prescribed by the Federal Office of Education. Under this coordinated teaching plan, classroom work is integrated with practical shop work.

Consequently, the teen-agers graduated from the various courses offered are mentally, as well as manually, trained for their prospective jobs. In addition, they are guided into proper "work habits" and are given a healthy viewpoint as to what they can expect from their future employer and what he has a right to expect from them.

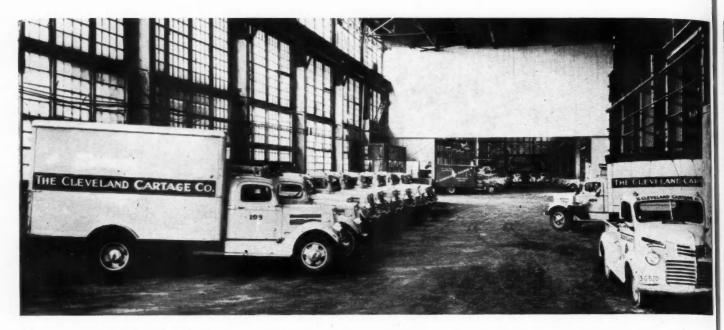
Miami Tech's Program

ONE of the best of these vocational schools, Technical High School, located at Miami, Fla., should serve as a medium for demonstrating how teen-age youngsters are trained for service as potential fleet maintenance mechanics.

This school occupies a 15-story, block-long building of modern, concrete-and-steel construction. In it are taught a wide variety of vocational courses, including the electrical and mechanical trades.

The automotive repair shop is located on the ground floor, at the rear (TURN TO PAGE 162, PLEASE)





View of the inside of the Cleveland Cartage Co.'s huge garage, showing part of the 250-vehicle fleet

Rebuilt-Test Stand Speeds Engine Overhauls

Home-made device simplifies and expedites overhauls and, with accessories, serves as a break-in stand; makes possible system which reduced road failures by 65 per cent



Emery B. Stroud

OUR company operates a local delivery and hauling service in the Cleveland industrial area, ranging from millions of small

packages per year, up to gigantic 150-ton loads. In the latter category, about everything from huge transformers to small buildings are moved. Our company also operates another fleet, employed entirely to serve one of the major railroads (Pennsylvania) on its local door-to-door delivery program.

by EMERY B. STROUD

Superintendent of Maintenance, Cleveland Cartage Co., Cleveland

Finally, we also operate the Western Express. This fleet hauls freight between our westernmost terminal at Toledo, Ohio, the main terminal at Cleveland, Buffalo, Syracuse, New York, and Boston, Mass.

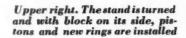
There are approximately 250 power units in the three fleets, and a like number of trailers on the over-

the-road long distance service. All major overhauling is done at the main shop in Cleveland. Minor adjustments and repairs are done at the other terminals, Toledo, Buffalo, Syracuse and Boston.

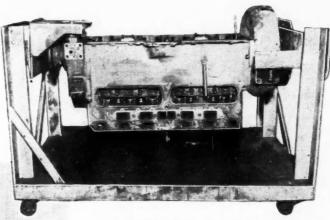
Our big problem is to keep all units in active service carrying payloads with the lowest possible num-



Above. The portable test stand built of salvaged parts. Here a mechanic is grinding valves with block in stand



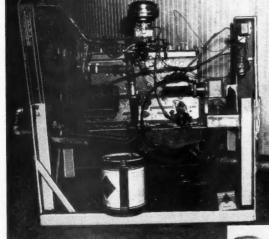




Above. Here the block has been turned upside down so that bearings, crankshaft, oil pump and camshaft can be installed easily

Left. A radiator, instrument panel, fuel tank are added, the exhaust pipe is connected and the engine is run-in and tuned. Inset. Another view of the instrument panel showing how it is mounted to the stand

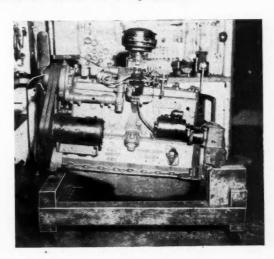
Below. After engine has been tested and tuned, it is mounted on a dolly and kept in stock until needed as a replacement



ber of idle units, which means a constant effort of extending periods between major overhauling jobs and cutting down drastically the actual time of making major rebuilding jobs. Since 90 per cent of our fleet consists of heavy-duty units, the objective is of the utmost importance.

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Hydraulic Fifth-Wheel

While a large midwest fleet is experimenting with a new fifth wheel equipped with a hydraulic lift, the manufacturer is probing its market potential. Pending further developments in both instances, this department must content itself with the speculation that the new unit's principal asset is in its quick adaptability to trailers of widely different heights, a feature particularly noteworthy in spotting operations. First reports from the operator say he is delighted.

Aluminum Diesel

Not to be out-done by advanced engineering in the gasoline engine field, a diesel builder has definite plans afoot for a new line with all-aluminum construction. If the plans materialize, there is every indication that a cool 500 lb. can be shaved off the over-all weight. And, brother, as the saying goes, that ain't hay. In this case its payload.

Another Super Suspension

Fruehauf's new gravity-torsion-bar tandem-axle suspension is now a matter of record, but not so widely heralded is the new single axle suspension with "multirate" spring, said to be equally as revolutionary. Its leaf spring stiffness is designed to increase in exact proportion to the load, all the way from empty to overload. Full details of the new Fruehauf line are scheduled for the next issue.

Plastic-Paper Filter

A gasoline filter using a new plasticimpregnated paper, spirally wound to make the element, is in production by Skinner Purifiers, Inc. Similar jobs for filtering air and oil are reportedly past the blue print stage. Judging by the sample secured by our Detroit detective, it looks good.

Heat off Frozen Foods

Frozen food producers, well aware of the tasteless, pulp-like condition in which much of their wares reach the dining room table, know that their number one enemy is heat. Their objective is to take the heat off the product and put it on the men who handle, transport and store frozen foods. Right now they are being bombarded with a bacteriologically-sound argument that the way to keep the product fresh is by means of zero degree temperature (and they do mean zero) right down the line from original storage to truck, to retail cabinet. To assure them they will get that temperature there is a distinct possibility that the use of recording thermometers in trucks and rail cars will be a part of the shipping contract.

Up and Down Carburetor

A Midwest operative, well versed on the injection type carburetor used on military airplanes which provides self-adjusting mixture control under varying altitude and temperature conditions, has been exploring its possibilities for truck use—particularly in Rocky Mountain service. In the Bendix carburetor, for instance, this function can be compared to a combination of Aneroid barometer and a thermometer. Our man found he was not alone in his search. The experts are on the trail, but not ready to talk.

Valves Still Burning Issue

A couple of months ago this department touched on the burnt intake valve problem epidemic with rather widespread distribution. Others are touching on it too, including the Coordinating Research Council, and various truck and fuel research divisions. As yet, no news—which does not necessarily imply the situation is good.

Polaroid Possibilities

Glare and the resultant night blindness are still high on the docket books of safety engineers. Most agree that (1) sealed beam headlights are the only practical way of lighting highways and (2) that Polaroid stands out as the most practical means of combating glare. Cost is now the No. 1 bottleneck in further progress. Why? Because no matter how well they slice it and sandwich it between sheets of safety glass (now practical) Polaroid still absorbs 60 per cent of the emitted light energy. That means must more powerful lights—some say it will take 125 watts—must be used, generator capacities must be tripled, wiring switches and protective devices much heavier. Probably four headlights would be needed, two Polaroid, two conventional. The question is how much increase in cost will the traffic bear.

Lindsay Throws a Curve

Lindsay Structure, long-famous for its standardized and easily-replaced body panels, but heretofore short on streamlined effects, now will incorporate this feature, too. Secret is the company's new 12-in. radius cove panel scheduled for early mass production. The new unit will provide marked improvements in design, yet retain all the old features.

New Life for Old

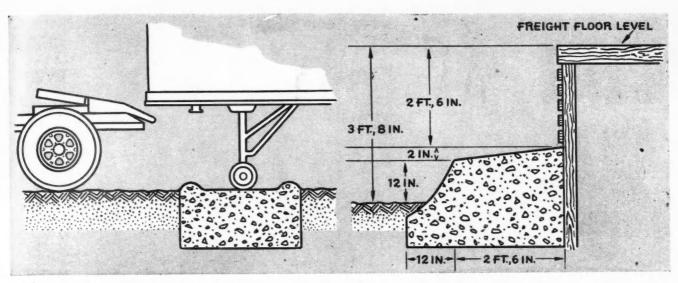
A process for polishing metal surfaces without changing dimensions-used during the war in manufacturing plants-is being considered for the cleaning of engine parts and cylinder bores. sult is a finely finished surface free from loose or worn and abraded metal which normally tears off after an engine has been overhauled. The manufacturer is toying seriously with the idea of building a pilot engine rebuilding plant to serve fleet operators. His objective is to tear down worn engines, subject all parts and cylinder bores to the special cleaning process, then rebuild in the usual fashion including the replacement of badly worn parts. As told to one of our outside operatives, this precedure is expected to produce rebuilt engines of unusual quality since rings, bearings and mating parts will be fitted to well finished base metal. Although this project is still in the idea stage, it may become a reality in a short space of time. We shall keep you informed.

Battery-Powered Lamp

A Michigan maker has a new six-volt trouble-lamp for trucks. Arranged to plug in at a convenient spot, such as the dash-board or along the frame of a trailer, it has a cord long enough to bring the light to any spot on a truck or trailer. It may sell for less than a fin.

Side Saddle Standards

SAE standards for side-mounted gas tanks are imminent. The I.C.C. has been plugging for standards as a safety measure. It is not expected that the standards will deal in gage of metals or construction details. They will prescribe a test for determining whether a tank meets minimum safety requirements.



Atlantic States' concrete trough provides positive landing gear support, assures proper fifth wheel coupling alignment

Akers' concrete curbing protects dock and trailer, provides a positive trailer stop while the tractor is being coupled

Coupling Failures Prevented with Reinforced Concrete

One method provides positive trailer back stop; the other sure footing for landing gear

RECOGNIZING the fact that many a loaded trailer has gone crashing to the ground because of an improper coupling at the fifth wheel, two North Carolina motor freight lines have developed simple and inexpensive methods for minimizing this danger. Oddly, neither of the plans has anything to do with the fifth wheel itself. One adds material protection to trailer rear ends, loading docks and tires.

Akers Constructs Curbing

A T ITS large Gastonia headquarters
terminal, Akers Motor Lines,
Inc., has installed curved reinforced
concrete curbing wherever trailers

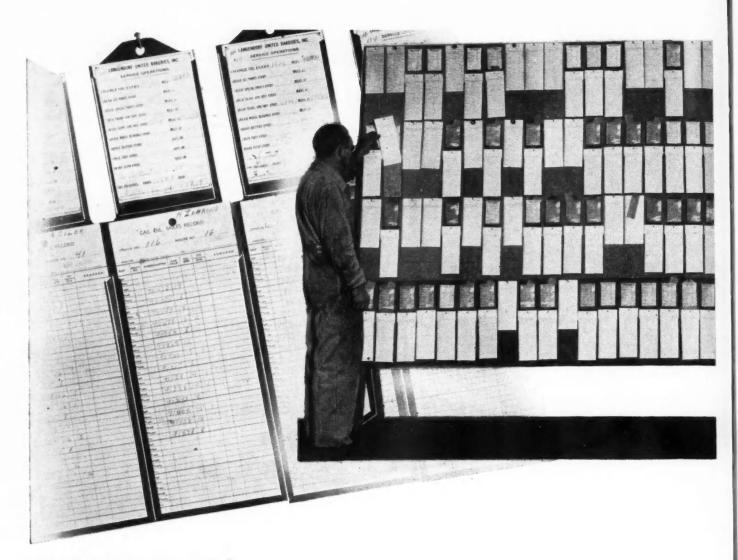
Right: Two views taken at Akers' terminal show how curbing may be used either at dock or in parking areas are parked. The idea is not new at loading docks, but the plan is believed original when extended to include extensive locations in the parking area. Not only does the curbing provide a positive stop against the trailer's tendency to back up when coupled, but it also protects both trailer rear end and loading dock from impact injury—all without in-



jury to tires since the curvature of the concrete mold conforms to the circumference of the tire.

Atlantic States Uses Trough
THE second approach to the problem was tackled at High Point
where Atlantic States Motor Lines
was experiencing considerable diffi(TURN TO PAGE 174, PLEASE)





Above. Metal holder at top holds the Service Operations Card, while the lower card holder is used to hang the Gas, Oil, Miles Record. Lube Board, center, serves as an efficient method of governing maintenance operations

Fig. 3. The Motor Car Report, $5\frac{1}{2}x$ 11 in., is filled out by driver at end of the run and lists necessary repairs

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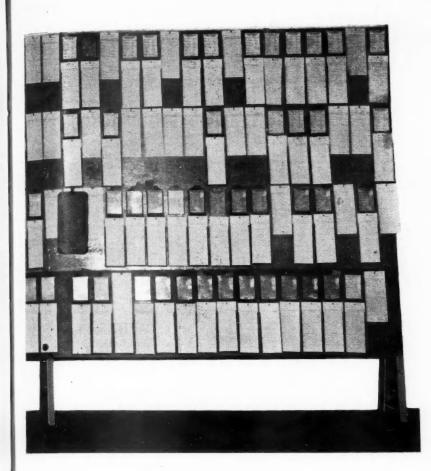
LUBE BOARD . .

RAVELING two million miles a year, covering the southern California area, our 150 bakery trucks in the Los Angeles Division employ a fast, efficient method of governing maintenance routine. The lube board has been the answer to our prayers for almost 10 years. Its simplicity, and the ease with which it can be understood and worked, has saved Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc., many dollars, improved preventive maintenance, and added longer life to our fleet.

Our fleet consists of 1½-ton delivery trucks, with three transports and four 33-foot semi-trailers. When a truck comes in off the road, it must make its first stop at the gas pump just inside the garage door, where is is serviced with gas, oil and water.

On the side of the gas pump there is a daily Gas-Oil-Miles Record card (Fig. 1). Every truck gassed and oiled during the day is recorded on the card as follows: In the route number column, the truck number is placed; then in their respective columns, the speedometer reading, number of gallons of gasoline put into the tank, number of quarts of oil put into the engine, and the number of quarts of oil drained, are all noted along the same line.

At the end of the day, the gas pump man merely totals the columns of his Gas-Oil-Miles Record and can tell exactly how many gallons of gas were pumped (this, incidentally, can be double-checked by the pump meter reading), and what the oil consumption was for the day.



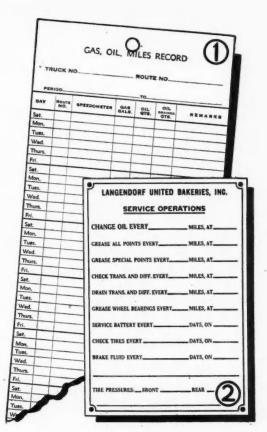


Fig. 1. The Gas, Oil, Miles Record, 5½ x 11 in., and the Service Operations Card, 4 x 6 in., are the only two forms necessary for PM control

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Two Cards for Every Vehicle A FTER the card has been tabulated at the close of the day, the information on each individual truck is then transferred from the card to the lube board. The lube board carries a set of two cards for every vehicle in the fleet; a Service Operations card (Fig. 2) and an individual Gas-Oil-Miles Record card (Fig. 1), placed one above the other and held in a tin rack. The Service Operations card, which is the top card of the two for each vehicle, is a printed and enameled tin plate. On this plate is a list of the lubrication jobs, the prescribed mileage after which each job must be done, and the specific speedometer reading at which the individual vehicle will be

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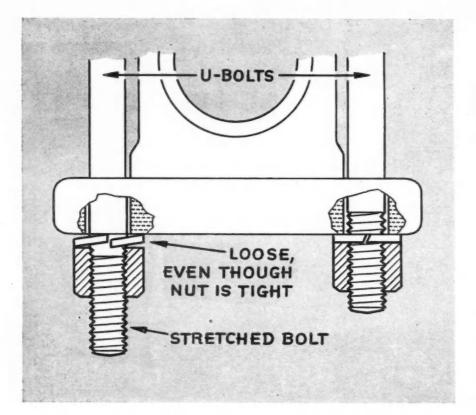
A large wall board and two simple forms not only keep track of lube jobs but provide effective PM control for 150 trucks.

System saves money, requires little time

by BENTON L. TRERISE

Garage Superintendent Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.





Torqued but NOT TIGHT

U-bolt elongation may play tricks on torque wrench readings. Nut may be tight but pad may not be securely clamped against spring

HAT'S wrong with that last batch of springs you sent us?" phoned a fleet operator from an adjacent state (West Virginia). "We've broken two of these springs, right in the middle, on one of our trucks."

"Since they broke in the middle, that was probably due to the U-bolt nuts not being sufficiently tight," replied the spring manufacturer. "I was expecting that answer," said the fleet operator. "So I had our mechanic take torque readings on the nuts of the U-bolts. The actual torques on these 3/4-in. U-bolts was over 250 lb."

"That might be enough," agreed the spring maker. "Although 250 lb. torque is a little on the low side for bolts of 100,000 lb. tensile strength. The purpose of the torque wrench, Illustrating a condition where a nut was pulled to meet proper torque specifications for a truck spring U-bolt yet arrow shows that nut is not clamping spring securely to axle pad. Torque resulted from nut's unsuccessful effort to cut new threads on bolt

you know, is to measure U-bolt tension, and not just thread friction and the friction of the nut against the contacting surface. Since cold-rolled steel sometimes stretches, it is perferable to use U-bolts of chrome nickel steel, which have considerably greater strength. I assume your mechanic also used graphite and 600-W oil or cup grease on the threads and on the contacting surface of the nut?"

"Yes, our mechanic did all that," said the fleet operator. "But it has us stymied. Perhaps you'd have time to investigate this for yourself?"

"Yes, I would," agreed the spring maker. "I'll be at your shop tomorrow."

"Here's the truck," said the fleet operator to the spring maker when he arrived the next morning. "I'll have one of our mechanics put a torque wrench on those nuts, to show you they are really tight."

"Here you are, Mister, said the mechanic. "The torque wrench shows 261-in.-lb."

"Yes, it does," agreed the spring maker after inspection. "But, hand me a hammer.

Getting under the truck, the spring maker hit the U-bolt nut a sharp rap with the hammer. "Hear that 'flat' sound? Now listen to the sharper sound, when I strike a U-bolt nut that is really tight. Notice the difference,"

"Yes, I do," agreed the fleet operator. "That's probably the trouble. For some reason, the nut must be tight on its threads, but is not clamping the spring securely to the axle pad. I see you are using the old-fashioned trick of the railroad car inspector, who walks along beside a

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LAUGH IT OFF



Our Safety Director, who had just checked out of a hotel, soon realized he had left his umbrella. Returning, he learned that a newly-wedded couple had taken the room. As he approached their door, a kiss resounded from within, and the bridegroom was heard to say: "Whose 'ittle mouth is that?"

"Yours," she cooed.

"And whose 'ittle neck?" he asked, kissing again.

"Yours, of course, sugarplum," she replied.

"And whose 'ittle-"

"Listen here, you folks!" the Safety Director demanded through the door, "when you come to an umbrella, it's

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According to the experience or deduction of our warehouse foreman, slacks worn by women may be like a particular brand of cigarettes in that they are round, firm, and fully packed, but they can't be easy on the draw.



She reached above her dimpled knee Into her well-filled stocking And there she found a roll of bills;

Ah, me; 'twas sweetly shocking! "Why don't you keep it in a bank?" Inquired a nosey prier.

"The principal is the same," she said, "But the interest here is higher."

We hear via the grape vine that one of our comely matrons recently submitted a weighty problem to Dorothy Dix. Wrote the lady in perplexity, "I now have two children, but I read that every third baby born is Chinese so I don't think I'd better take a chance, do you?"

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BILL: "HONEY, I AM GROPING FOR WORDS TO EXPRESS MY HAPPINESS."

MARY: WELL, BIG BOY, YOU WON'T FIND THEM WHERE YOU ARE LOOKING."

Judge to Mandy (who along with Rastus was being tried for fighting): "Now, Mandy, as I understand it, this man cut you with a razor in the fracas."

Mandy: "No, sah, yer honah, Jedge; he cut me in de laig, away below de



Mabel: "Do you let your boy friends kiss you when you're out driving with them?"

Lula: "Never! If a man can drive safely while he's kissing, he can't give me the attention I want."

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Terminal Manager: "By the way, Miss Smith, you didn't make carbon copies of these letters."

Miss Smith: "Oh no, because that would be a waste of time. You know what you said, and the customer gets the letter."

Company Physician: "Miss Hemingway, if you want a position with Speedy Spurt Freight, you'll have to have a health examination. And, if I am to give you a health examination, you'll have to remove your blouse."

Applicant Hemingway: "Oh, my goodness no, doctor!"

C. P.: "Come, come, now! Let's not make mountains out of mole hills."

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The tank fleet operator's wife when serving her guests wine, remarked to one gentleman: "I should not be offer-ing you wine. You are the head of the Temperance League, aren't you?
"Oh no, no," he replied, "I am head

of the Vice League."
"Well," said she, "I knew there was

something I shouldn't offer you."

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SADIE, OUR SAFETY STENO, SAYS THAT A LARK ON THE BEACH IS WORTH TWO DUCKS IN THE OCEAN.

Ophelia the Switchboard Operator: "Congratulations, I'm so glad you made a success with your lollypop invention."

Clara the Tire Records Clerk: "Where on earth did you get such nonsense?"

Ophelia: "Why, I overheard you tell Kitty on the phone a minute ago that you made \$500 on a sucker yesterday." CCJ

City Driver: "She turned off all the lamps 'cept one funny little green table light."

Dock Foreman: "Then what happened?"

C. D.: "Well . . . I've driven trucks through traffic too long not to know what a green light means." CCI

Due to the scarcity of domestic help, the owner of one of our Class A Motor Carriers is currently helping his wife with the dish washing. She told a friend, "It's great fun—just like our first year of married life, only I'm not pregnant."



"It's THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE THAT TELL," SAID MAMIE THE CLAIM DEPART-MENT STENO AS SHE YANKED HER KID BROTHER FROM UNDER THE SOFA."

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Commercial Agent: "The reason I am a travelling salesman is that my wife is like a stable full of decrepit horses." Fellow Traveller: "How is that?"

C. A.: "Nag, nag, and nag."

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"Jimmie," said the Maintenance Superintendent to his son, "I wish you would learn better table manners. You're a regular little pig at your meals. You know what a pig is don't you?"

"Yes," replied Jimmie, "a pig is a hog's little boy."

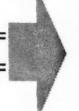
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Resume Work



PUBLICATIONS

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A selected list of the latest in literature—books, pamphlets, catalogs—chosen to help fleet operators solve maintenance and operating problems. Use free postcard.

L50. Hard Surfacing Instructions

"Hard-Surfacing with Hardex Arc-Welding Electrodes" is the title of this new 16-page booklet which has been prepared for welders. The booklet is technical in its approach to the process of hard surfacing. It presents valuable information on the effect of temperature, chemical composition and rate of cooling on weld deposits, illustrating important details with graphs and photographs.

The booklet gives case histories from the field, showing how this welding process has been applied to the building and repair of machinery as well as transportation equipment.

A study of the publication will give the experienced welder a wealth of background which will help him in repair and rebuilding operations. Write L50 on the free postcard for a copy.

L51. Copper Alloy Welding

"Welding and Brazing of Copper and Copper Alloys" is the title of a new 32page illustrated handbook of procedures and materials now available to the fleet field.

There are three principal divisions in this treatise. One section presents definitions of materials and processes, with a table of compositions and properties of the most commonly welded and brazed copper alloys. A chart shows the preferred materials to be used with each method.

The second section of the booklet supplies information as to composition, physical properties, forms usually supplied, suitability for hot and cold working and special welding characteristics. Each alloy is presented separately and selected processes are given for best results.

The final section is devoted to welding and brazing materials for copper and copper alloys, and the general plan of treating each material.

This booklet is technical in its approach to copper alloy welding, and it should be a handy textbook for the experienced welder. Just write L51 on the free postcard for a copy.

L52. Valve Refacing Catalog

Information on refacing valves for truck and heavy duty engines has been compiled into a 4page pamphlet and is being offered to the trade.

The publication describes the Par Stellite Faced Valve as a seasoned used valve reprocessed to meet aircraft engine standards of performance and endurance. The hard face, the annealed and toughened head and neck, are said to resist burning, warping and breakage, the most common cause of valve failure.

Prices of this type valve are reported as only slightly higher than the best alloy steel valves, and these refinished valves are said to give 10 times longer service.

For further information on this new process, write L52 on the free postcard and secure a copy of the pamphlet.

L53. Rubber Suspension Study

A comprehensive discussion of the Torsilastic Rubber Spring, as well as the general subject of rubber suspensions, is contained in a new 18-page illustrated booklet, "Suspend It On Rubber," just released.

Starting with a general discussion of how rubber has found continually increasing uses in absorbing the shocks in modern automobiles, the booklet points out that there are approximately 265 rubber parts in the modern passenger car, ranging from tires to body shims.

The advantages of the Torsilastic spring are listed as: there are no bearings to be lubricated or serviced; no abrasion, rust or wearing action from dirt; will not develop squeaks or rattles; clean, lightweight, simple in design; eliminates friction, reduces vibration; long service life; absorbs shock or impact from all directions; reduces noise level; and there is no danger of sudden failures.

Torsilastic Rubber Springs have been used in such military vehicles as the Water Buffalo, Alligators, and Beach Busters, the booklet states. Its application to modern buses has resulted in many of the improvements listed above.

Write L53 on the free postcard for a copy of the booklet.

L54. Refrigeration Catalog

Information relative to the better storage and transportation of perishable products at lower costs is now available in a new catalog offered to the industry.

This catalog is a veritable book of refrigeration knowledge, combining specific refrigeration data with a description of product features and uses. It contains simple, lucid charts showing how to compute both low and high temperature plate requirements. It tells the specific and latent heats of the various perishable products. In addition it contains complete instructions for determining the dimensions and heat leakage for truck plates.

The new catalog also describes the high efficiency and dependability found in Serpentine Plates for locker plant space cooling, for shelves and stands in sharp-freezing and as cabinet liners, shelves and dividers. It explains how evaporators maintain the temperature of delivery truck bodies at the uniform level necessary in the successful transportation of fresh meat, ice cream, frozen foods and other perishables.

A copy is available for the writing of L54 on the free postcard.

L55. Engine Cleaning Booklet

A 6-page booklet on chemical methods of cleaning operations in every type of engine maintenance and overhaul is now ready for the fleetman. This illustrated publication shows detailed steps in cleaning procedures along with appropriate materials and equipment for an efficient job.

For a handy reference source, just write L55 on the free postcard.

PRODUCTS



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The newest in replacement parts, accessories, shop equipment and supplies. For more details of products described or advertised on these pages, use the accompanying free postcard.

P309. Torque Screw Driver

The new "Tru-Torque" line of torque measuring and controlling screw drivers is announced by Airdraulics Engineering, Inc., New Canaan, Conn. These small, lightweight tools are of the friction-disc type claimed by the manufacturer to be the most accurate principle of torque measurement and control.

The "Tru-Torque" screw drivers are manufactured in three standard sizes: from 0 to 6-in, torque lb.; from 0 to 12-in. torque lb.; from 0 to 25-in. torque lb.



Operation is simple—the screw driver is pre-set at the desired torque; the operator tightens the screw, nut or bolt; when the predetermined torque is reached the screw-driver handle slips and no further tightening of the screw is possible. There are no dials to read, or spring mechanisms.

"Tru-Torque" screw drivers come complete with one regular blade for slotted screws, nuts or bolts, one Phillips-type blade, one Allen wrench and pin setter. Snap-on adapter is also available.

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P310. Polishing Compounds

Three new Sherwin-Williams automotive rubbing and polishing compounds that are now in quantity production. Each is designed to do a specific job.

The Mechanical Wheel Polishing Compound can be used with any flexible shaft mechanical wheel polisher. It is applied to the car surface and does not load up on the polishing pad.

The Synthetic Enamel Compound is used

on jobs where the original finish of the car is a synthetic enamel and the spot repair job is done with lacquer. Because it has a mild abrasive action this compound blends the lacquer perfectly over the synthetic finish. It is recommended for removing road film, oxidation, insect stains and other blemishes from all synthetic finishes.

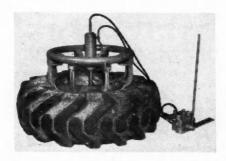
The Fast Cut Lacquer Compound is made of fine regular cutting agents. It has no sharp and irregular abrasives. It breaks up readily into small smooth particles on application and gives a clean high lactor.

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P311. Hydraulic Tire Demounter

The new Presto Model B Tire Demounter developed by the Lee Engineering Co., Pawtucket, R. I., is a portable device employing hydraulic action in demounting all size tires from 7:00 x 15 to 24:00 x 24.

The crosshead assembly and fingers are of all-steel construction. The steel pressure



plates are adjustable for all sizes of wheels and rims. The double-acting high pressure hydraulic cylinder has a 60,000-lb. capacity, and the hydraulic pump operates on 4000 lb. p.s.i.

The new demounter is available immediately, and the price is quoted at \$295.00 f.o.b. Pawtucket, R. I.

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P312. Commercial Spark Plugs

A new line of spark plugs, manufactured and distributed under its own brand name is announced by The B. F. Goodrich Co. The line includes 11 types of plugs for commercial use.

The line was released to the public after months of research and testing during which every part of the plug was subjected to intense study before being placed in the product. Featured is a pre-testing program which guarantees that every plug will render the service for which it is designed, the company says.

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P313. Handy Rachet Wrench

The Duro Metal Products Co., Chicago, is offering an 80-tooth-action Duro-Chrome ratchet wrench line with mechanism en-



cased in a head measuring only ¾ in, by 1¾ in. According to the manufacturer, these new wrenches not only reach the hard-to-reach places but get action in arcs of less than five degrees.

In the new Duro-Chrome matched, balanced wrenches, the drive sizes are ¼ in., ½ in. and ¾ in.; in each size the proportioning of the tool differs, and in each the point of balance comes at the exact place where the tool "feels best" in the hand. Finish is triple chrome plate.

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P314. Bead Releasing Machine

A new bead releasing machine that requires less pressure to break the bead because it has an exceptionally high pressure ratio, has recently been placed on the mar-

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ket by Associated Producers, Inc., Detroit,

With a pressure ratio of 7 to 1, the "Beadmaster," as it is called, exerts 7 lb. pressure on the bead for every pound of pressure exerted on the handle. It handles all tires from the smallest to 7:50 diameter.

This device can be used with the wheel either on the car or off. By jacking up the car, and turning the "Beadmaster" on its side, the bead can be broken without removing the wheel.

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P315. Oil Conditioner

A new oil conditioner, originally designed to provide full-flow filtration for Cummins Diesel engines, but equally suitable



for use on any heavy-duty gasoline or Diesel engine with similar requirements, has been announced by Winslow Engineering Co., of Oakland, Calif.

Intended for engines of from 150 to 250 hp., the new conditioner is known as Model No. 8-931-C. Containing eight Winslow elements with a total filtering area

of 684 sq. in., it weighs 35 lb. dry and 65 lb. wet and has an oil capacity of 3% gal.

The conditioner is so designed, according to its manufacturers, that the oil cannot drain back into the crank-case when the engine is idle. This means that the filter will be full whenever the engine is started, thereby eliminating any chance of a flooded crank-case.

Another design feature is found in the cover assembly. Four built-in by-passes, each with a free area equal to the filter outlet, are so constructed that dirt is prevented from building up on the ball seat and holding the by-passes open.

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P316. Motorist's Vulcanizer

The J. W. Speaker Corp., Milwaukee, Wis., announces a new-style motorist's vulcanizer—a compact, self-contained unit that enables any motorist to make vul-

canized tube repairs in his own workshop or wherever he's stranded with a flat tire.

The new vulcanizer, know nas the M-3 Match Patch Emergency Kit, is made entirely of steel. A rubber cushion provides upward counter pressure that assures feath-



er-edged repairs. The insulating properties of the rubber cushion cause it to hold correct vulcanizing temperatures longer—an advantage that guarantees proper cure.

A can attached to the vulcanizer bears simple instructions and contains a buffer and three Match Patches with heat units and metal pans.

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P317. Battery Fast Charger

A Battery Fast Charger with new features has been added to the line of service station equipment of Bowser, Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Compactly designed—13 in. wide, 22½ in. long and 35 in. high—it is claimed that its narrow width permits easier use between parked vehicles. Two 8 in. rubbertired wheels and a front caster with brake give the unit mobility and stability. Complete hook-up with the battery can be made from the front of the charger, and the control panel is read and operated from the front, making it unnecessary for the operator to squeeze past the charger or walk around the vehicle.

The unit is of heavy duty construction throughout with 100-amp., fan-cooled rectifier. A large transformer prevents overheating even with full load. Special shunts provide maximum reading accuracy under all temperature conditions. Heavier cables minimize voltage drop.

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P318. Aluminum Panelling

"Reynalite," a light-weight, high-strength, economical aluminum building material which can be produced in large quantities, has been placed on the market by the Reynolds Metals Co. of New York, N. Y.

The new material combines two sheets of aluminum bonded with a plastic adhesive, to a cellulosic core to form an attractive panel which is said to possess permanent rigidity and is adaptable to the construction and transportation industry. The panel is said to be impervious to moisture and to temperature changes.

Reynalite is being used in the construction of truck, trailer and bus bodies. It can be used too, for refrigerator linings, overhead garage doors, electrical cabinets, junction boxes, tool chests and air and heat ducts, as well as in the construction of buildings.

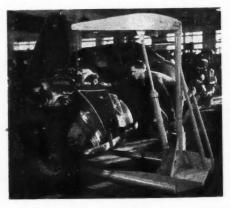
The panelling can be fastened with the usual type nails or screws and is worked with ordinary carpenter tools. It can be cut equally well on wood-working or metal-working equipment.

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P319. Hydraulic Floor Crane

A new floor crane, simple in design and structure, yet applicable to almost every type of lifting, moving and stacking job has been developed by the Ruger Equipment Co. of Portland, Ore. The new crane, which can be operated by one man, is said to be ideal for the repair shop. It goes anywhere on the shop floor—lifting, moving, "ducking in" and rolling under cars or machines.

Its ball bearing wheels and pulling handle give it the movability of a hand truck. Its movable lifting beam, powered by a hand-operated hydraulic system lifts loads up to three tons easily, quickly and safely.



It can pull a cab over engine, remove a transmission, lift cars and trucks, stack bulky crates and move heavy machines and parts.

The machine comes in three sizes: a 3-ton and a 2-ton model in two mast heights, with adjustable traveling hook, and a 1-ton model designed to meet the needs of the smaller shop or garage. Attachments include an extension beam for greater height or "duck in" jobs and a special arm for removing transmissions.

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P320. Dipping Basket

To further aid in assisting users of the Bendix cold immersion type cleaner in removing deposits that accumulate on automotive and aircraft engine parts and other metal surfaces, the service sales department of Bendix Products Division, Bendix Aviation Corp., South Bend, Ind., now offer Bendix cleaner with a metal parts dipping basket which comes packed in the container.

The new package, dipping basket (which is optional) and cleaner, is packed in a new and larger can which makes a very convenient container for cleaning operations. The basket is a sturdy, well constructed item that will last indefinitely, according to the manufacturer.

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P321. Grease Gun "Loader"

Loading of hand guns has been resolved into a simple, clean, quick operation by new equipment just announced by the Alemite division of Stewart-Warner Corp., Chicago.

A new "gun-loader fitting" which is mounted on the head of a hand gun and permits grease to flow into the grease reservoir of the gun in the same manner that it flows into a bearing through a lubrication fitting in normal lubrication, is the key innovation of the new gun-loading system. A loader valve mounted on a bucket pump or loader pump, functioning in the same manner that a coupler does when applied to a fitting, is the companion item to the loader fitting on the hand gun.

The new method eliminates disassembly of the hand gun, precludes danger of lubricant contamination or waste, eliminates annoyance of air pockets in the gun and permits gun loading in a few seconds



rather than the several minutes required by previous methods, Alemite engineers declare.

While several hand guns, both push-type and lever-type, as well as loader pumps of 25, 35, 100 and 400 pound capacity, all equipped with the special fittings and facilities required by the new gun loading system, were announced as ready, users of guns and bucket pumps already in the field can "convert" their equipment to the new system.

A loader valve. No. G-306740, to convert

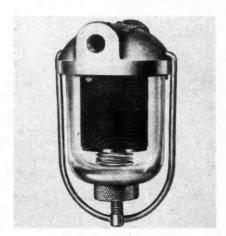
present guns to loader operation is available. It can be installed in either lever type or push type guns simply by drilling and tapping 1/8-in. pipe thread.

A loader kit, No. G-306910, containing all necessary parts to convert any bucket pump into a loader, and including one loader fitting for a hand gun, is also available. A bracket to hold a gun on the side of the bucket is also included in this kit.

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P322. Gasoline Purifier

An advance in automotive design has been released by the Skinner Purifiers, Inc., with the production of a new type gasoline purifier. This Skinner Gasoline Purifier is a system of purification which allows the fuel to pass between layers of helically wound ribbons made from impervious material. Dirt and other impurities are stopped at the outer edges of these ribbons and fall into the sediment chamber. Any accumulations on the outer surface of the



cylinder of ribbons can be cleaned off by simply blowing compressed air on the cylinder.

The filter separates free water from the gasoline through the action of the "Kwick Klean Kartridge." It can be installed in a few minutes and is adaptable to practically any automotive application. The purifier is made in one model to fit all applications—cars, trucks, buses, tractors and stationary engines.

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P323. Cleaner and Compound

A new self-contained cleaning unit for carburetors, fuel pumps, hydraulic brake and similar parts has been developed by Practical Products Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

The "Carb-u-tator" is actuated by metered air, all equipment for which is included with the new unit, including 10 ft. of hose for connection to air supply.

Simultaneous with the production of the machine a new cleaning compound is offered for use with it, "Carbusol," especially compounded for removing carbon, paint, analine dyes, varnish, etc., without injury to metals placed in it.

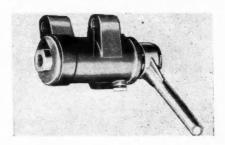
The "Carb-u-tator" unit is readily attached to all companion models of parts cleaning units, or can be used on the

bench. Parts baskets as well as supplemental screw baskets complete the unit, as delivered.

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P324. Hand Metering Valve

The full-metering hand-control brake valve as designed by Wagner Electric Corp., St. Louis, Mo.; specifically as a single-barreled, hand-control unit for instal-



lation on dash, steering column, or other convenient location. Serrated handle of valve adjusts to any position desired by driver while the handle reaction and movement provide driver with a distinct "brake feel."

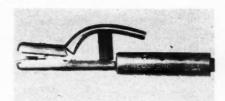
The inherent qualities of this valve make it possible to apply, release, or hold any desired amount of air pressure in the application side of the system. The driver is thereby able to regulate the degree of deceleration—from a slow, smooth stop, which requires very little air pressure, to an emergency application which is accomplished by a full stroke of the application handle thereby admitting reservoir air pressure to the system.

Utilized primarily for independent control of the trailer brakes in dual braking systems, its full metering action increases braking efficiency, facilitates driving on wet or icy roads, and assures positive control of tractor-trailer trains in mountainous country.

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P325. Electrode Holders

A complete new line of manual arc welding electrode holders to be known as "Twecotong" has just been announced by the Tweco Products Co., Wichita, Kan. The new line includes full-insulated and semi-insulated models,



The full-insulated models are known as No. A-14, 300-amp., ¼-in. electrode capacity; No. A-38, 500-amp., %-in. electrode capacity. The semi-insulated models are known as No. B-14, 300-amp., ¼-in. electrode capacity; No. B-38, 500-amp., %-in. electrode capacity.

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Shop and Garage Plans for a 1000-Vehicle Fleet

West Coast utility's new \$900,000 maintenance and storage project has layouts based on work experience plus equipment requirements; better efficiency expected

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LLUSTRATED on these pages are the proposed layout plans for a new automotive shop and a new auxiliary service building with a truck storage shed designed to service the fleet of approximately 1000 vehicles operated by the General Plant Division of the Power System of the City of Los Angeles.

Before discussing the details of the new shop and its equipment, it is believed appropriate to give readers a brief description of the fleet and its operating conditions and to share with them some of the thinking and planning behind this \$900,000 shop enterprise. It is hoped that by so doing, other fleet operators will be able to compare their size and operating conditions with our own fleet and, thereby, have a guide that will be useful in planning their own building arrangements and required shop equipment.

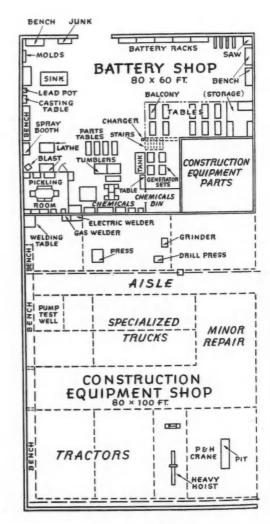
Our fleet consists of 295 light trucks, 161 trucks 1½-ton and over, 307 passenger cars, four motorcycles and bantam service cars, and 52 trailers. That's a total of 919 pieces of transportation equipment. In addition, we have 289 pieces of miscellaneous equipment ranging from air compressors and lighting units to cable-laying plows, making a grand total of 1208 pieces of transportation and construction equipment.

Purpose of the transportation fleet is to service the needs of the power system of the City of Los Angeles which includes 1,000,000 hp. of steam and hydro-electric generators, located within the city and as far away as Boulder Canyon Dam, 9600 miles of transmission and distribution lines and 565,000 customers.

Like most utility fleets, our units are widely scattered at various points within the 450-sq.mile city and along the transmission lines. The highest concentration is at the home office, where 218 units, or 23 per cent of the total fleet, are located. As this also was fairly central to the geographic distribution of the fleet and in convenient proximity to related shops, it was considered the ideal location for the new shop.

In the performance of its work, the transportation fleet currently travels 600,000 miles per month.

All units of the fleet are handled on a rental basis, that is, furnished as required by the various divisions of the system, and charged for on an hourly basis. Drivers and operators are furnished, as a rule, by the using division. Otherwise, and especially for highway hauling and more difficult jobs, they are furnished by the transportation unit.



It is the general policy of the transportation section to keep all units in a high state of operating efficiency and, also, to see that none of the equipment is overloaded or required to work beyond its rated capacity. By following this policy our record of performance is an enviable one. It is our objective always to see to it that no delay, particularly in a power emergency, may be chargeable to the transportation section. In order to implement this policy, the section inspects each unit at least once a month and the inspector orders such work as may be necessary.

Shop Operations

IN PLANNING for our new shop, one of the first considerations was the volume of work and type of operations required. From the latest annual report of the section, covering one full year's activity, we secured the following breakdown of operations:

Engines overhauled	166
Differentials & Transmissions	138
Brake jobs	746
Electrical & Carburetor jobs	3,033
Engines tuned & analyzed	269
Front End alignments	176
Upholstery jobs	1,289
Clutches overhauled	204
Valve grind jobs	84
Tractors overhauled	3
Air Compressors overhauled	3
Motor Patrol Graders overhauled	3
Cranes overhauled	7
Cement Mixers overhauled	4
Welding Units overhauled	3
Tires changed	6,169
Tubes repaired	4.619
Tires repaired	
Tire inspections	
Batteries fabricated	634
Batteries serviced	
Batteries repaired	
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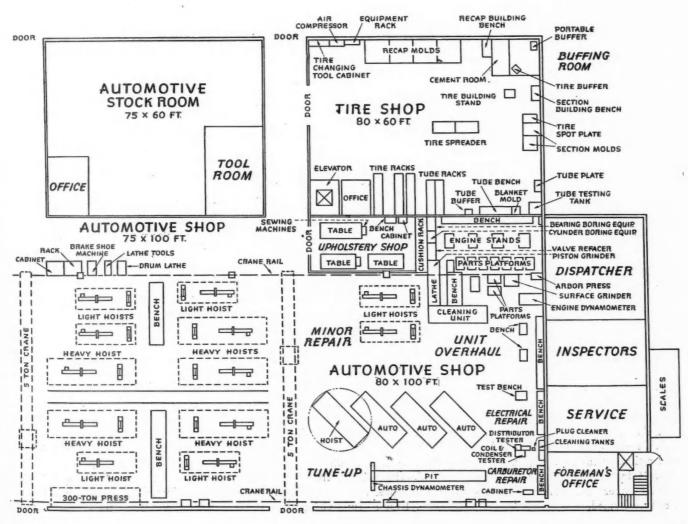


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* This operation is not related to the fleet operation, but to Power Station Operation & Maintenance and is performed by an Automotive group for convenience and efficiency.

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Of course, there are additional breakdowns within each of these various major categories but, basing our decision principally on the major items listed, we determined that the equipment and tools needed to implement the shop operations would be as listed in the table on page 66.

Some of the more important units, and especially those which require specific floor space, may be singled out as follows:

Piston turning lather.
Valve facing machine.
Chassis dynamometer
Engine dynamometer
General purpose engine lathe
Heavy-duty two post hoists
Steam pressure automotive cleaner.
Brake lining and grinding machine.
Electrical test bench.
Tire recap and retread mold.

It will be noted that body and fender repairs and painting were not considered. These operations, in our case, are handled by the general shops. An over-emphasis on battery repairs also will be noted. Our section is charged with the maintenance of the company's vast number of station batteries not connected with the transportation fleet. This factor also accounts for the unusually well-equipped battery rebuild shops.

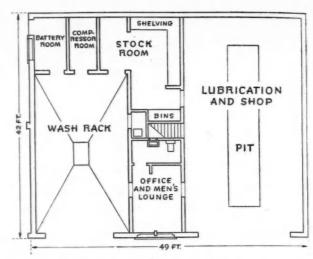
Planning the Layout

IN PLANNING the layout and flow of work through the shop, there are six major items which must be carefully considered. We list them in what we believe to be the appropriate order of importance.

- Problems of unit or parts handling.
 - 2. Shop operating efficiency.
 - 3. Power use efficiency.
 - 4. Shop maintenance efficiency.
 - 5. Orderliness.
 - 6. Ease of supervision.

Other detailed considerations are as follows:

- 1. Present desired capacity of shop and estimated future capacity.
- 2. Maintenance schedule to determine number and variety of operations performed.



OUTLYING SERVICE UNITS will be based on this plan. A balcony covers all but wash rack and shop areas. All major repairs will be routed to main shop

- 3. Maintenance equipment and facilities needed for desired capacity of initial shop, including any special provisions or structural features which will facilitate production.
- 4. A study of maintenance operations to perform on each unit, to check proper spacing of equipment.
- 5. Time interval required between successive operations to check need for and location of storage space, such as space necessary for vehicles awaiting delivery of replacement units.
- Sequence of operations in maintenance departments and convenient relationship for progressive flow of materials.
- 7. Space requirements per department to house maintenance equipment and provide space for aisles, storage or auxiliary departments.
- 8. A review of various operations entering into the maintenance process to determine whether certain departments should be isolated from standpoint of safety, noise or special process needs. An example is the isolation of battery and plating shop due to fumes and tire shop due to buffing operations.
- 9. A summary of floor space needs of initial shop and development of a suitable layout for ultimate shop development.
 - 10. Influence of layout on cost:
 - a. Handling of work in process.
 - b. Length of hauls.
 - c. Cost of handling.
 - Time and volume of work in process.
 - e. Ease of supervision.

- f. Convenience of inspection of vehicles and work in progress
- g. Investment in equipment.

In ADDITION to the factors enumerated above, when a new building is to be constructed the following additional items must be given adequate study and determination be-

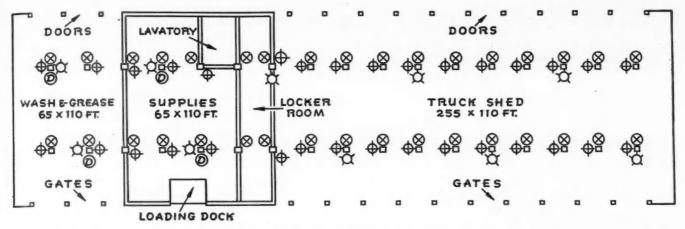
fore design and construction begin:

- 1. Location.
- 2. Building codes.
- 3. Materials.
- 4. Employee services
- 5. Facilities.
- Heat, light, ventilation and sanitation.
 - 7. Site and surroundings.
 - 8. Costs.

The Automotive Shop

AS A result of careful consideration of all these factors and after soliciting suggestions, which proved invaluable, from every interested employee, we evolved the plans shown in the accompanying drawing. The main building is to be a modern onestory, fire-resistant structure with concrete floor, masonry walls, saw-tooth roof of structural steel with wood sheeting and sheet asbestos covering, equipped with sprinklers throughout. Its dimensions are approximately 265 x 160 ft. with a two-story, all concrete office building, approximately 35 x 100 ft. attached at the right hand side.

It was developed that operations causing fumes, smoke, steam, dust or other obnoxious emissions would



LEGEND: + COMPRESSED AIR OCONVENIENCE OUTLET O DRINKING FOUNTAIN WATER

SERVICE AND STORAGE BUILDING, adjacent to Automotive Shop, will handle washing, lubrication, minor tire repairs and daily inspections. The storage shed, open on one side, will house 125 home-based vehicles. Dimensions: 385 x 110 ft.

have to be isolated or so fitted up that such objectionable conditions would not interfere with other operations and especially not interfere with precision operations.

The running in or tryout of engines in the chassis on the floor introduces the problem of elimination of the exhaust gases by connection to a vacuum channel, necessarily underfloor.

The problem of handling units and parts from one place to another in the shop, indicates the use of overhead traveling cranes and an essentially smooth and unobstructed floor so that suitable auxiliary carts or trucks can be used as conditions require. This type of floor not only facilitates supervision, cleanliness and orderliness, but is much more efficient in the expense of labor than one having numerous pits.

Suitable aisle-ways and two main through-passages are provided in order that vehicles can enter and leave from either side of the shop and, when in place, parts or units may be removed efficiently and transmitted to the appropriate shop for work and returned for reinstallation.

Tool cages, parts storerooms, shop offices, employee service facilities are located in most convenient central positions for serving the whole shop.

The shop area of the main building is to be served by two 5-ton overhead traveling cranes of approximately 80-ft. span (wall on street side to center row of posts) 18 ft. 6-in. clearance under the hooks, controlled from the floor.

The units to be accommodated in the main building are automotive repair, construction equipment repair, battery rebuilding and plating and tire shops, and automotive parts stor-

A basement room is to be provided under the tire shop suitable for current storage of tires and, if possible, space for the air compressor, electric vault, and air conditioning unit for the Transportation Office.

The lavatory and locker room for the employees in the shop building is to be located on a mezzanine floor above the automotive parts store room.

Post arrangement may be one row in the middle of the building lengthwise, four in number.

The number of employees on duty any one shift is estimated to be 46 to 64.

Heating for the whole of the shops building is desired to be floor heating, augmented by unit heaters as needed.

Convenience outlets and services are required and have been carefully considered in the plane. In addition, pipe line connections for supply of oil from the service unit, will be required.

A 1-ton capacity elevator is proposed for the tire shop to carry tires, and other materials or parts to the basement below.

Eight 9000-lb. capacity and six 40,000-lb. capacity motor vehicle hydraulic hoists will be required in lieu of pits. However, one pit will be required for chassis dynamometer and

another in the construction equipment shop for inspection of crane chassis and the like.

Lighting is to be of sufficient intensity as to permit close night work.

The Transportation Office

THIS building, adjoining the Automotive and Construction Equipment Shops building, is to house the transportation offices, superintendent of transportation, clerical forces, truck dispatchers, inspectors, service foreman, and the general foreman of the Automotive and Construction Equipment shops.

The building is to be modern in every respect, sound-proofed, well-lighted, and air-conditioned (reverse cycle system suggested).

The number of employees estimated to be on duty during any one shift is 10 to 30 male and female on the upper floor, 12 to 16 all male on the lower floor.

A freight and passenger elevator is to be provided for service between the two floors.

A truck weighing scale will be provided alongside of the building with weighing equipment available in the truck dispatcher's office.

Service and Storage Building

FOR a fleet of the type in question, various service facilities are needed if the running repairs, adjustments, washing, lubrication, and other service operations are to be performed under good and efficient working conditions. Much of this work is done at

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night especially on the "swing" shift and, even in Los Angeles, workmen must be provided with space that can be closed in at times and heated.

For this purpose and for the storage of 125 vehicles a separate building is to be constructed adjacent to the main shop. The general layout is shown on page 65; the dimensions are approximately 385 x 110 ft., including the storage shed.

This building is subject to the same code limitations as the shop's building. A large part of it, however, is used for truck and automobile storage, providing easy entrance on the yard side and doors opening for exit to or entrance from the street.

The type of building and construction are determined to be monitor roof, concrete floor, masonry walls (at least 25 per cent of the exterior must be walled in), structural steel frame, roof of wood sheeting covered with sheet asbestos.

In this building, it is proposed that the trucks enter from the lot side and pass through to the street or vice versa. For this reason, suitable easy opening doors will be necessary on the street side and the lot side will be entirely open.

Suggested post spacing is at 20 ft. intervals lengthwise of the building (to allow two rows of trucks between each pair of posts and two internal rows). In this feature it would be desirable to have the row of posts along the open side set back somewhat (10 ft. possibly), to facilitate exit or entrance of trucks without snagging the posts. This will necessitate a cantilever roof. It is expected that posts will be required along the street side.

Compressed air outlets for inflating tires are desired at all of the posts through the middle of the truck shed proper. Electric convenience outlets are desired also at each of the posts in the middle of the truck shed proper. Lighting can be general overhead lighting with several circuits. Occasional drinking fountains are desired.

The westerly end of the truck shed building is proposed to be used for servicing operations, mainly washing, greasing, gassing, and oiling of trucks and cars. This space is 65 ft. x 110 ft., with suitable closures on the street side so that vehicles can enter from the street, and exit either straight through or out to the westerly side, but with closures on all sides so that the unit may be entirely closed during winter months, but open during summer months.

It is expected that 10 to 15 men may be on duty in this unit at any one shift.

Heating may be done by unit heaters. Two hydraulic hoists (one 9000 lb. capacity, one 40,000 lb. capacity) will be required for washing and steam cleaning operations.

Two hydraulic hoists as above will be required for greasing operations. At the anticipated four posts in the middle, compressed air outlets, electric convenience outlets, two drinking fountains and water outlets will be needed. Special electric, water and sewage arrangements will be required for the steam cleaning and washing facilities. Lighting should be intense and suitable for night work.

An island gassing, oiling and watering station may be required in the yard as auxiliary to this unit.

Between the service space and the truck drivers' locker room there is another space of 65 ft. x 110 ft., which is proposed to be used as a supply room suitable for storing current supplies as used by the trucks and drivers and facilities for making light repairs to skid chains, jacks and the like.

The floor of this unit is to be constructed at loading dock height, with an unloading pocket on the street side and a ramp on the lot side. Office space shall be provided.

Lavatory and locker facilities for the personnel in both the Service and Supply units and for truck drivers should be provided at one point convenient to all.

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SHOP EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS
One each unless otherwise noted

TUNE-UP EQUIPMENT

Dist. Point Spring Seals Ignition & Valve Timing Fixtures Ignition Timing Fixture (for Fords) Coil & Condenser Tester Thermometer (0-500 deg.) Ignition Timing Light

Dynamometer (Chassis)
Exhaust Gas Analyzer
Dynamometer (Engine)
Electrical Analyzer
Compression Tester
Compound Pressure &
Vacuum Gage
Thickness Gane Thickness Gage Vacuum Gage

UPHOLSTERING EQUIPMENT

Sewing Machines (2) Saw Horses (4) Tables (3)

Ladder (2) Rack

CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Steam Cleaner Spray Gun

Hot Tank

CARBURETOR EQUIPMENT Carburetor Tools (3) (One each for Carter, Stromberg & Zenith)

Cleaning Tank Fuel Pump Tools Test Bench

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Soldering Iron Screw Driver Magnet Charger Winding Tester

Cleaning Tank Test Bench

IGNITION EQUIPMENT

Dist. Point Spring Seals Coil & Condenser Tester

Electric Eye Headlight Tester Distributor Tester

BRAKE EQUIPMENT

Barrel Wrenches (all Barrel Wrenches (all sizes) Brake Shoe Lining Ma-chine Brake Drum Lathe & Attachments (4) Hydraulic Brake Cylin-der, Go & No-Go Gages Wheel Bearing Packer Pullers (all sizes) Wheel Bearing Washer Brake Lining Clamps Brake Cylinder Hone Brake Grinders (2) Round Up Gage Garage Jacks (2) Stands (24)

TRANSMISSION OVERHAULING EQUIPMENT Transmission Jacks (2) Chain Fall Pullers

DIFFERENTIAL OVERHAULING EQUIPMENT Press (300-ton) Axie Pullers (2)

Gages Ring Gear & Pinion Stands (shop made)

Bearing Puller

WELDING EQUIPMENT

Electric Welder Gas Welder Cart Welding Table

Gas Welder Anvil

FRONT-END OVERHAUL EQUIPMENT

Straight Edges (2) Spirit Levels (2) Friction Board

Protractor Trams (2)

ENGINE OVERHAUL EQUIPMENT

Bushing Grinder &
Attachments
Boring Bar (for Bell
Housing)
Valve Seat Reconditioner (2)
Con Rod Straightening
Press
Water Pump Refacing Tool Piston & Con Rod Aligner alve Guide Reamers Valve Guide Reamers
(set)
Dial Indicator Gage
Ring Groove Cleaner
General Purpose Latt
Tension Wrenches (2
Cylinder Boring Bar
Bearing Boring Bar
Engine Benches (2) Valv

Wire Rope Slings (6) Piston Grinder Drill Press Buffer
Grinder (2)
Bench Drili
Valve Facer
Cylinder Hones (2)
Ring Compressor (2)
Lapping Plate
Ridge Grinder
Valve Spring Tester
Surface Grinder
Engine Stands (5)
Arbor Press Buffer Engine Stands (5)
Arbor Press
Bench Grinder
Surface Plate
Ridge Reamer (2)
Valve Lifters (3)
Valve Grinders (4)
Cil Pan Gages (3)

TIRE SHOP EQUIPMENT

Recapping Mold Pass.
Car (4)
Recapping Mold truck
Tires (4)
Section Mold Pass. Car (3)
Tube Plate Vulcanizer
Flexible Shaft Buffer

namometer (Engine)

Head & Sidewall Spot Plate Buffing Unit Air Compressor Pedestal Grinder Valve Stem Vulcanizer Tire Building Stand Tire Spreaders (2)

BATTERY SHOP EQUIPMENT

Benches & Tables (several) Motor Generator Sets
(4)
Pickling Fanks (several) Shot Blast Units Plating Tanks (3) Buffing Lathe Grinders (several)

TRUCK TIRE LEASING

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ing were found. In any event, the interest charge on such financing would be incorporated into the charges made to the truck operator.

Tough on Tire Dealer

ANOTHER angle the tire companies are not overlooking is that if tire leasing should become common, the truck tire dealer, together with the valuable services he performs, probably would be washed out of the picture, since almost none of them has the facilities to service a lease contract. As a result, truckers who wished to continue buying outright and maintaining their own tires would not have dealers available to handle their needs. Another possibility is that legislation might be enacted in Washington, sponsored by dealers, prohibiting direct dealings between tire companies and truck operators.

Individual Program Best Bet

THE cost of administering the contract and maintaining the tires would be such that they would reflect the cost of the present purchase price of the tire, plus all services required. In other words, the company would set the rates to cover its normal profit rate on the manufactured tires, plus servicing costs. They say that the best bet for the trucker is to buy his tires at the best possible price he can bargain for (and he is getting into a good position to do that with supply and demand coming into balance), and then follow a careful program of tire maintenance. A good manager can do this at a lower cost



All Highway van-type "Clippers," "Freightmasters" and "Warehouseman's" van units now coming off the production lines of the Highway Trailer Co. are provided with a distinctive new windsplitter dome and triple mounting. This new development is said to provide fine appearance and rugged durability, giving quick identification of Highway Trailers

than the tire company can do it for him under a leasing program.

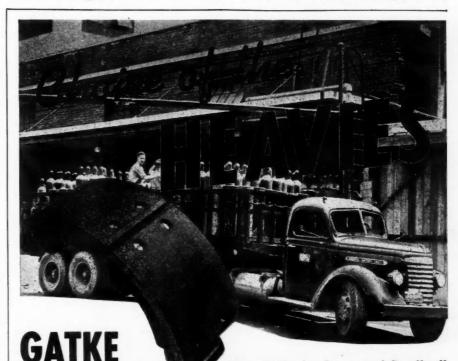
Services Charged to Operator

A CARDINAL point in the tire companies' view on tire leasing plans is that such an agreement can effect no savings that the truck operator cannot himself achieve through a careful tire pm. They point out that under a leasing program, the tire company for its own protection must provide a crew to check mileage, maintain the tires,

and perform other functions of servicing the contract, all of which must be charged to the operator. The bookkeeping alone is an item of considerable work and expense. Many of the functions performed are those which the operator normally performs for himself; often at a lower cost than the tire company can do it because he spreads them among his employes who have other duties.

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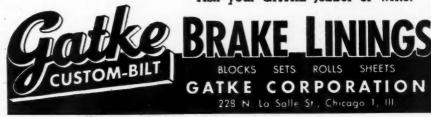
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Use of aluminum has cut as much as 4500 lb.
in a truck combination; channeled floor permits ventilation of cargo. Folding bulkhead
and dry-ice blower provide reefer facilities

by WARREN E. CRANE



CONSOLIDATED Builds Lightweight Reefer-Freighter



Fig. 1. Aluminum trailer floors are of channel construction and are hinged at sides so they can be lifted out of the way during cleaning operations

PETER JOLLY, head of Consolidated Freightways' body shop, has stepped up the company's body production 25 per cent and, at the same time, effected a number of striking innovations in truck and trailer body design. By unique methods, Jolly and his men have eliminated all excess weight by as much as 2000 lb. per body without sacrificing strength or durability. This, in a truck and trailer combination, nets a weight saving by as much as 4500 lb., in comparison with comparable standard equipment.

Professional body builders openly admit the superiority of the company's bodies and claim that they are the finest in the world.

Channeled Aluminum Floors

PETER JOLLY also designed a new type of floor for truck and trailer bodies. It is made of aluminum and is considered to be one of the most important forward steps in body construction since the innovation of aluminum body construction a few years ago.

As shown in Fig. 1, the floors are of channeled construction. The use of aluminum saves 700 to 800 lb. per body. Furthermore, they are easier to wash out than any other floor.



Combinations

Wood racks, mounted on the floor, take the actual wear and tear. They are hinged at the sides and stand out of the way during cleaning, as shown in Fig. 1. When in the down position, the stringers of the floor rest in the channels.

The racking is laid diagonally, which makes hand-trucking easier and triples the life of the racks. When worn, racks are replaceable, of course.

Under the floor, there is a 2-in. layer of insulation. Sides, tops and doors of bodies contain 4 in. of insulation.

Folding Bulkheads

C HANNELING of the floor provides ventilation of freight that is to be cooled or refrigerated in transit. On the front wall of the body is a dry-ice blower and beneath this is stored a folding bulkhead which is used to separate refrigerated freight from other freight. The bulkheads always travels as standard part of the equipment.

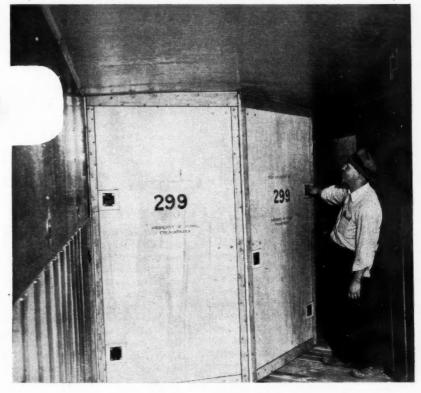
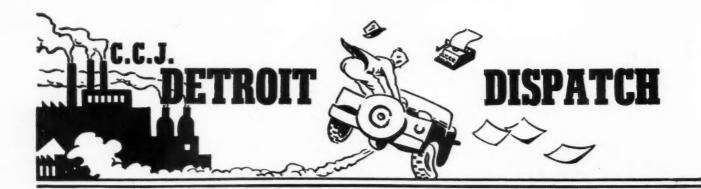


Fig. 2, top. Part of Consolidated's reefer fleet loading at a Western dock.

As mentioned, the folding bulk-head is used to separate perishable from non-perishable freight. Fig. 3 shows Peter Jolly, who developed the idea, placing the bulkhead in position. It may be stationed in any part of the body. The edges are canvascovered sponge rubber to permit a compressed fit all around, making the forward virtually airtight. Five flushtype handles are built into the bulkhead to permit easy handling and positive closing.

Fig. 3. Insulated bulkhead used to separate refrigerated freight from warm freight. Edges of partition are of canvas-covered sponge rubber



Production Picture Still Dark . . . Truck Prices May Go Up . . . 60,000 Trailers This Year ... Ford Rating Upped ... Fleetmen Give SAE Pointers ... Tire Price Drop?

Production Picture Still Dark

It gets disheartening as well as monotonous to open this column each month with a dark brown description of truck production-or lack of it. A few weeks ago, it looked as though production would get a kick in the pants instead of the teeth by now and that we could report truck plants chewing up materials and spitting out trucks at a merry clip. But the dream turned out to be a nightmare and it's the same story this month as always-strikes,

shortages, and shutdowns.

Ford went down the middle of May when the supply situation became so fouled up that even the expensive improvising that had kept lines rolling would no longer suffice. At the time of the shutdown, 42 suppliers were affected by labor trouble, and a week or so later the number had risen to 52. General Motors Truck division also had a bad time of it during May. It had to pinch off truck production early in the month when the supply of crankshafts from Houdaille-Hershey was cut off by a strike. International, Diamond-T, Autocar, Reo, and Federal also reported trouble with suppliers during the month. Chevrolet and Dodge, on the other hand, have been able to keep going, but even their production was nothing to shout about, and it was touch and go to keep ahead with supplies. The Houdaille-Hershey strike is reported settled as of the end of the month, which will allow GMC to start again and may have considerable influence in getting Ford lines rolling. The truck makers are hopeful, but not optimistic, that the major parts suppliers will have made their peace with labor and that something like volume production will come in a matter of a few weeks. They point to the stiffening attitude of the President toward labor and are hoping that it will have a dampening affect of the truculence of labor leaders.

Truck Prices May Go Up

Truck buyers are anxious, of course, to know which way prices will jump under the new truck pricing order which came out of its shell May 18 after several months

by LEN WESTRATE

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of incubation. It looks now as though they may have to wait awhile for the answer, because the manufacturers are gun-shy about making any predictions. One spokesman made a private guess that prices would go up in view of the recent healthy boost given passenger cars. At any rate, the manufacturers are to submit costs and new prices to OPA for approval. Until they get either approval or rejection, the present prices are to stay in effect.

60,000 Trailers This Year

If the automotive industry can make the trucks to pull them, the trailer industry can provide users with nearly 100 per cent more trailers than were produced in 1941, according to the Truck-Trailer Manufacturers Assn. If conditions stabilize in the near future, the statement said, the industry could produce 60,000 motor freight trailers this year. The previous peak year was 1941, when output was in excess of 32,000. Present manufacturing facilities are about five times greater than before the war, and labor relations are "at least no worse than average," the statement

Ford Rating Upped

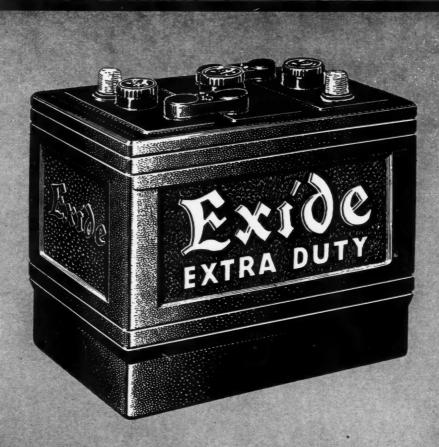
When equipped with suitable heavyduty equipment, the 1946 Ford truck now carries a 2-ton rating, says an announcement from J. D. Ball, sales manager of the Ford truck division. The rating applies when the unit is furnished with a heavyduty double channel frame, power brakes, two-speed axle, and 8.25 x 20 10-ply dual tires. The conventional model has a gross vehicle weight of 14,500 lb.; the cab-overengine job, 15,000 lb. Ball says that the 100-hp. V-8 and the in-line six engines now are available in the trucks, and that additional engine sizes are planned for next year. Reports here have it that the Lincoln engine will be used in the 3-ton jobs Ford is said to be planning for introduction either late this year or early in 1947.

Fleetmen Give SAE Pointers

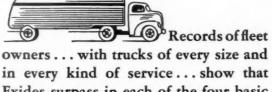
Truck operators attending the summer meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers got in a few good licks when they laid on the line their ideas of what the industry would like in commercial vehicles. Ted Rodgers, of ATA, told the engineers that operators would like to see a reduction in time required for maintenance, and that fewer lubrications points, especially for trailers, and provision for inspection of brake linings without removing wheels would be helpful. Another operator said that western operators are looking for trucks with 250 to 300 hp. engines and hydraulic drives. He urged that parts which require attention be made easy to reach and that those subject to wear be provided with replaceable bushings, plates, or shafts. Other features requested were: interchangeability of parts between truck and trailer axles, installation of periscopetype rear view mirrors, more rugged accessories, overhead rear doors, easier steering, faster filling fuel tanks, and larger tires equipped with puncture-sealing tubes. A Chicago operator plugged for standardization of truck models to include uniformity of dash arrangements, transmission shifting patterns and clutch and brake pedal pressures. He said that there are more than 1000 different sizes of brake linings for commercial vehicles, some varying only a fraction of an inch in dimension, and that a dozen sizes should fill the needs of all commercial vehicles, trucks, tractors and trailers.

Tire Price Drop???

At least one item of trucker expense appears to be leveling off or headed downward. A report from New York says that some independent tire dealers are breaking away from ceiling prices on certain large size truck tires. The down-trend in prices, ranging from 10 to 20 per cent on some of the slower moving sizes, is the first since before the war.



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A mezzanine floor is to be provided, approximately 15 ft. x 50 ft., between the posts along the wall between the service and supply units.

Outlying Service Units AT OTHER locations where substantial numbers of vehicles are headquartered, new and improved quarters are being planned.

A typical building for this purpose is shown with considerable detail in Fig. 3 on page 65.

Economics

IT MAY well be estimated that the buildings here planned would not only serve their purposes well, but would provide nearly ideal working conditions around the clock when necessary.

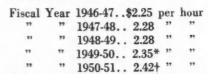
So far we have not estimated the effect upon shop costs due to the cost of the new construction. The natural question is, "Will the investment in the new buildings and equipment be profitable?"

First we will discuss the shops buildings. The general specifications and data given here were referred to Department Engineers and Architects of the Design and Construction Division for estimate as to total cost. This division designs and constructs department buildings and other facilities. Their response was an estimate of approximately \$900,000 complete with built-in facilities as called for.

In the department the main concern is what effect will that have upon the shop rates per hour of shop labor.

This question was given special study-taking into account the proposed additional new shop equipment, cost of land and the building cost referred to above and the estimate that the building may be completed January, 1950.

The shop rates so calculated, based upon present wage rates and including all overhead of the division, but none other, are as follows:



* 10c. per hour increase over '46-'47 † 17c. per hour increase over '46-'47

These computations have not taken into account any increase in efficiency of performance due to the improved facilities and consolidation of operations. In order to arrive at figures, a committee was called together. The various factors were discussed and the overall improved working efficiency of the shop estimated for each. The factors were: hoists vs. pits; overhead cranes vs. none; clear and consolidated working space vs. scattered and interrupted space; cleaning facilities at hand vs. going considerable distances; all operations consolidated in one building vs. scattered operations; good heat, light and ventilation vs. very poor facilities; chassis dynamometer vs. road testing; engine dynamometer vs. none.

The considered conservative opinion of the committee was that the new facilities would improve the overall working efficiency of the shop by at least 32 per cent and possibly 50 per cent or more.

The minimum figure applied to the (TURN TO PAGE 98, PLEASE)

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by ROBERT F. BAHL



Answers on Page 87

Far fewer accidents are caused by defective mechanism on vehicles than are caused by what might be termed "defective mechanism" on the driver. This month's quiz asks you 10 questions about the physical limitations of drivers. Counting 10 points for each correct answer, see how close you can come to reaching 100. This is a toughie: 70 is good, 80 is super, 90 is remarkable and 100 is phenomenal or means you are a safety specialist. Answers are on page 87.



Even though your brakes could stop on a dime, you never could. You would have to allow for a certain "reaction time," which for the average driver is . . .

- a. 1/1000 second
- b. 1/100 second
- c. 3/4 second
- d. 1/10 minute

2

What effect does a single drink of alcoholic beverage have on the reaction time of a driver?

- a. Up to a certain point it acts as a stimulant and quickens reaction time.
- b. It slows down reaction time for 3 to 4 hr.
- c. The ordinary driver can absorb a moderate amount of alcohol with no noticeable effect on his reaction time.

3.

On the average, at what age do drivers have the quickest braking reaction time?

- a. 15 years
- b. 23 years
- c. 35 years
- d. 65 years

4.

At 45 m.p.h., the average good driver is focusing his eyes ahead a distance of . . .

- a. 50 feet
- b. 50 yards
- c. 100 yards
- d. almost a quarter of a mile

5.

Color-blind drivers usually compensate for their deficiency by knowing the positions of lights or by watching what other drivers do. On the subject of color-blindness, it is interesting to note that . . .

- a. many more men are color-blind than women
- b. many more women are colorblind than men
- c. there's really no noticeable difference between the sexes.



A driver who cannot see to the side of his eyes is said to have . . .

- a. astigmatism
- b. tunnel vision
- c. narrow-sightedness
- d. dischromatopsia

7.

The normal human eye is capable of seeing not just straight ahead, but also to the side; out of the corner of the eye, as it were. Color perception is not equal though. The two colors least seen from the side of the eye are . . .

- a. white and black
- b. green and boxcar red
- c. yellow and blue
- d. light orange and purple



8.

A certain truck driver must drive at night, but he has difficulty seeing in the dark. Which of these would be of help to him?

- a. New glasses
- b. Raw carrots in his diet
- c. More powerful headlamps

9

When a person's eyes are in motion, what does he see?

- a. Distorted image
- b. Very clear image
- c. Moving image
- d. Nothing

10.

Would you hire a truck-driver who had "stereoscopic vision"?

- a Yes
- b. No
- e. Should have no bearing on your decision



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Strikes Empty the Barrel ... Extension of Truck Priorities? ... Motor Trucks vs. Atomic Bombs ... Truck Prices to Rise ... Tire Output Unpredictable ... Trailer Production Precarious ... Of Surplus and Scandal

Strikes Empty the Barrel

Recent strikes have cut into production of practically everything. Truck production reached a yearly high of 81,282 units in April. This output was achieved only by scraping the bottom of the barrel and despite the industry's prediction of about 106,000 units for May the Civilian Production Administration says the industry would do well to duplicate April's record. Privately, CPA says that it will be July or August until the industry gets back to the April level.

The producers used up their pipelines to turn out the April total of: 31,431 lights; 44,047 mediums; 4456 light-heavies; and 1348 heavy-heavies. Military orders accounted for 2 light-heavies, while 236 in this category went to China. Total production equaled 85.3 per cent of the industry's forecast.

Perhaps the biggest bottleneck is the delay in deliveries of components from suppliers, who have been troubled by the coal strike as well as strikes in their own plants.

Extension of Truck Priorities??

Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt is expected to request an extension of priorities for trucks to meet the government housing program, but CPA will continue to do its utmost to dissuade him. Should Mr. Wyatt really believe this course to be wise, he has full power to ask for priorities and could not be overruled by CPA. However, CPA is still committed to consult with the truck industry before any such move is made.

Truck Prices to Rise

On June 5, OPA explained the new MPR 610 to commercial vehicle manufacturers. At the same time, the producers were requested to file all new price schedules by June 29. One manufacturer, however, had filed his new prices with OPA before the end of May.

Indications are that there will be no appreciable changes. There seemed to be general agreement that the new OPA order

by GENE HARDY

would not result in the reduction in prices originally discussed. This is due largely to the steel price increase, wage increases, and higher component prices.

Light trucks probably will not be cut at all, but prices are expected to level off. In the heavier models prices are expected to rise on all models, including those on which controls have been suspended.

Dealers will have to absorb part of the increase on models which require price boosts under the new order. This means that discounts to fleet owners will be shaved the same percentage that dealers margins are cut by the required absorption. The exact amount of the cuts, if any, will not be known until the Congress takes final action on the extension of price controls by OPA.

However, OPA told producers at their meeting on June 5 that for vehicles of 16,000 g.v.w. and under dealers will be required to absorb the increase. This would be about 7½ per cent, the same as that absorbed by passenger car dealers.

Of course, the entire scheme of price absorption depends on the outcome of the Bill before Congress on the extension of the OPA. If the Bill is passed and price controls are removed from the OPA, the dealer price absorption order would be invalidated.

Suspension of price ceilings on trucks of more than 40,000 lb. gross weight, buses, ambulances, hearses, fire trucks, and certain special-purpose trucks, such as tank trucks, garbage trucks, patrol wagons,

snow plows, and street sprinklers was not a complete surprise. It came about as a part of OPA's program to decontrol items which are not important in the cost of living.

In announcing the suspension OPA said the following considerations were the determining factors in suspending ceilings on these vehicles: (1) Scheduled production for the balance of the year has already been sold for the most part at firm prices; (2) Anticipated increases will not be greater than would have been allowed if controls had been maintained; (3) No significant diversion of labor and materials to the manufacturer of the suspended items will take place; and (4) The products do not enter significantly into the cost of living, and the burden of price control is disproportionate to its value in the stabilization program.

The predominating sentiment is that there is a good chance that controls will be dropped on all vehicles of 24,000 lb., g.v.w., to the 40,000-lb. bracket. At the June 5 meeting, OPA fished around to determine what effect this would have on prices. Manufacturers were asked to supply specific data broken down into two groups: 24,000 to 30,000 g.v.w., and 30,000 to 40,000-lb. g.v.w. models. The producers will be required to supply prices as of Jan. 1, 1941; March 31, 1942; current prices for these groups, and estimates showing effect on prices if controls were to be removed.

Motor Trucks vs. Atomic Bombs

When the first atomic bomb is dropped on Bikini Atoll next month, American trucks and other wheeled vehicles will be aboard ships awaiting a stiffer test than any which these battle-tried vehicles encountered during the war.

It has been made possible for COM-MERCIAL CAR JOURNAL to reveal for the first time details surrounding the testing of trucks and other vehicles.

Army Ordnance was given the job of selecting the vehicles now awaiting the first test at Bikini.

Trucks and other equipment will be (TURN TO PAGE 80, PLEASE)



TOUGH LUCK?

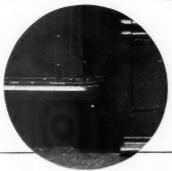
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inspected before the homb is dropped to assure A-1 condition. They will be studied after the test by qualified government and civilian scientists and technicians to determine the effect of the bomb burst, heat, pressure, radiation and mechanical shock.

This knowledge will prove invaluable to the armed services in the development of military vehicles of the future. With atomic energy looming greater and greater as a force to ease the man's burdens, as well as to destroy him, the truck producers will undoubtedly make wide use of this information to reach important conclusions which will have a bearing on specifications for certain types of vehicles of the future.

Confronted with space limitations Ordnance selected the following types of vehicles as representative of all types: ½-ton 4x4 (Jeep); 2½-ton 6x6 (Duck); 2½-ton 6x6, van body, completely equipped automotive repair shop; and the M-29 Cargo Carrier (Weasel).

In addition, 11 other types of wheeled equipment, such as guns and fire control equipment, were included.

Four of each of these vehicles and other

wheeled equipment were shipped to Bikini several months ago. One complete set of Ordnance material will be aboard four different ships, the Nevada, Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Saratoga.

These ships have been arranged so that the vehicles and other equipment will sustain varying degrees of damage. The first of the four ships will be practically on the point of aim, while the farthest ship will be 1000 yd. away.

All vehicles will be on deck and secured, since it is possible that the blast would otherwise blow them miles away. None of the vehicles will be operating, nor will they contain fuel or ammunition. All types of fuel and lubricants are being tested by the Quartermaster General. Various types of rubber in addition to the tires on the wheels are also being tested.

The tests will provide complete knowledge of the effects of atomic energy on trucks and other vehicles for the first time in history. In addition to the vehicles and materials going into them the actual method of construction will be subjected to this severest of all tests.

As soon after the test as it becomes safe to enter the area, an on-the-spot inspection will be made. The vehicles will then be shipped to the Ordnance Research and Development Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., for detailed inspection.

The results are obviously unknown, but possibilities are unlimited. Should radiation get into the lubricant in the crankcase, any attempt to operate the vehicle would result in a complete short circuit. If the ignition system became radioactive, the result would be the same. Damage to the battery would obviously render the vehicle inoperable. Any of these developments might eventually revolutionize truck construction.

Tire Output Unpredictable

The coal strike and its attendant shorttages have seriously hurt the tire production record, due mainly to short supplies of bead wire, tire cord and other fabric. On most materials tire producers have been operating on a hand-to-mouth basis.

During the first quarter 3,860,809 truck and bus tires were produced, a 25 per cent increase over the last quarter of 1945.

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Just completed at Paulding, Ohio, is this 15,000 sq. ft. building of the Grizzly Mfg. Co. It will be devoted entirely to the manufacture of heavy duty brake blocks of ½-in. thickness and greater. Another 10,000 sq. ft. building is under construction at Paulding, which will provide greater facilities for the production of passenger car linings and truck sets





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Production may fall off during the last half of the year. At the end of May CPA officials said that another 10 days of the strike would have knocked production into a zooming downward spiral.

With the settlement of the coal strike the outlook is brighter. It seems that all truck tires will be in ample supply by July. Price ceilings may now be lifted within a short time. Inventories of large size truck tires have already been built up. CPA expected this development some time next month, but it was apparent by the first of May. This will result in concentration on smaller size truck tires and passenger car sizes.

Passenger car tires should be in ample supply by the end of the year, but the chances of getting any natural rubber in these sizes is still in the distant future. Price ceilings would also be dropped.

Natural rubber production is so uncertain that it may be necessary to maintain government controls long after controls on most materials have been lifted.

Trailer Production Precarious

With trailer manufacturing facilities five times greater than before the war the Truck-Trailer Manufacturers Assn. is predicting an output of 60,000 motor freight trailers this year. Previous peak was 1941 when 41,689 units were produced. However, this estimate assumes readily available materials and continued freedom from major labor troubles.

Biggest bottleneck confronting the industry now is the shortage of softwood plywood. CPA action in freeing 25 per cent of all plywood eases the picture slightly, but many producers are experiencing difficulty in finding enough to keep going.

Newcomers to the industry are having trouble finding steel supplies, as the steel companies are adhering to prewar distribution patterns.

If the expected drop in tire production materializes in the coming quarters, trailer producers will quickly feel the pinch.

Ceilings on original equipment trailer parts and completed trailers is still a fair bet. More will be known about this after the OPA summarizes its meeting with the Truck-Trailer Industry Advisory Committee on June 12.

The first meeting of a newly appointed CPA advisory committee representing truck-trailer manufacturers and truck body builders was held on June 11 to discuss means of easing steel, lumber, plywood, fabric and other shortages. Extension of priorities assistance is a good possibility.

Parts Shortage Continues

Shipments of replacement parts have increased during the past month, but the shortage has also increased. Major difficulties are the same that are plaguing other industries—materials shortages and strikes—plus the unfair OPA price order on replacement parts.

OPA is moving to remedy the price difficulty by allowing an industry-wide price increase on replacement parts, probably to take effect on or about July 1. Indications are that a 12½ per cent increase will be allowed at the manufacturing level.

The production of more items than were made during the war also cuts into the overall supply. Finally, short runs required for parts for vehicles which should have been off the road a long time ago has also slowed down production.

Of Surplus and Scandal

Investigation of department store sales of surplus trucks by the Senate Mead Committee proved nothing more than the fact that the 2½ ton 6x6 is a difficult model to sell. It also re-emphasized the inadequacy of the surplus property act and its cumbersome priority provisions.

The scandal expected to come about as a result of newspaper stories concerning 30,656 vehicles in open storage at Atlanta, of which 25,000 were supposed to be passenger cars, also failed to materialize.

The depot at Atlanta is one of five Ordnance fifth echelon shops used as concen-

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fuel, 30% on brake maintenance. • Just how these figures

compare with operation of governed military vehicles is not

known. But it is fair to assume the differences would not be

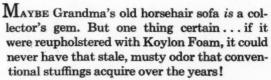
great. • In excess of 1,100,000 King-Seeley Velocity Gov-

ernors have been installed on military trucks, ducks and falligators—570,000 on one model of truck alone. • These

same governors will later serve as well and with equal economy on commercial vehicles after the war has been won.

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tration points for vehicles coming from demobilized outfits as well as existing Army posts. This depot receives vehicles from the southern states east of Mississippi and south of Virginia. Here they are repaired or rebuilt for eventual re-issue. Those deemed uneconomical to repair are immediately declared surplus.

Of the total at Atlanta only 525 were passenger cars. Only 48 of these were serviceable. Personnel at the center is in-adequate to repair the vehicles as fast as

the Army would like to have it done, and they come in faster than they are being issued.

Shortages of men, materials and money will force the Army to declare surplus vehicles it would like to repair and keep to maintain the Army until June 30, 1949. Congress was not asked for funds for new vehicles for the fiscal year 1947.

Army Ordnance says surplus truck declarations have reached their peak, but small declarations of all sizes will be made from time to time for the reasons mentioned above.

The Army has approximately 300,000 vehicles in the United States. Only 40,000 of these are new. Unless pressured into it,

Ordnance will not declare surplus any of the new vehicles.

If Congress provides sufficient funds (this is not likely) to repair all the vehicles in repairable condition and there is no pressure from over-ambitious politicos to declare them surplus, the Army will keep all the trucks it has to meet requirements through June 30, 1949. Even so, it would be necessary for Ordnance to procure some new special-type vehicles during the fiscal year 1948.

While surplus declarations will decline in the coming months, sales will continue high for some time. Since V-J Day sales have amounted to 145,000 out of total declarations of 187,644.

Since the beginning of the year 51,676 trucks have been sold, of which 22,788 went to veterans.

Surplus Sales Coordinated

Completion of the inventory of surplus parts at Detroit, totaling \$174,000,000, will result in the release of parts needed by purchasers of surplus vehicles. The War Assets Administration will now attempt to coordinate sales of trucks and parts required to repair them. But this problem will never be completely solved because surplus stocks are limited and manufacturers are no longer making parts for military vehicles.

Parts may be ordered through any War Assets regional office. Fleet operators receive a discount of 45 per cent on parts, assemblies and accessories. Material requiring reconditioning is sold to all buyers at a 10 per cent discount.

A 10 per cent discount on maintenance equipment is also given to fleet operators.

There have been discussions of the practicability of site-sales of surplus parts to replace the present method of surplus sales. This would foul up the works, since there would be no guarantee that those needing the parts would get them.

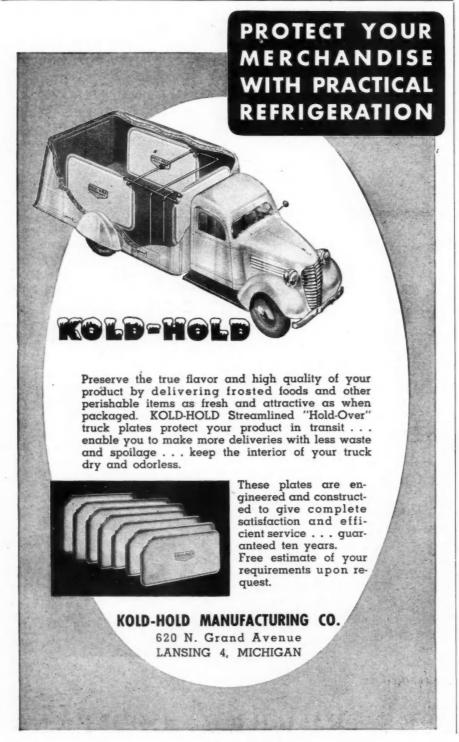
Transport Expert Due

Appointment of a transportation expert, probably from industry, to head up the investigation of the transportation system being conducted by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee is expected this month. The appointment was to have been made before Chairman Lea left for California last month. It will be made shortly after he returns.

The Committee staff is still working on the replies to the questionnaires sent out months ago. Only 650 have been returned out of the many thousands that were distributed. Early next year the Committee expects to have the replies printed in booklet form and ready for distribution.

Roberts Joins CPA

Jo Roberts, after 4½ months rest from 4½ years labor with OPA's Automotive Price Branch, has joined the CPA Automotive Branch. He will replace Ray Fussell as deputy director when Ray leaves for Paris around July 1 to establish his own business.



QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. c. Three-quarters of a second is considered normal reaction time for a fairly alert driver under ordinary circumstances. This is the length of time from the instant the necessity for performing an act arises until the instant the driver's reaction takes effect.

2. b. It has been proved that even a single drink of beer or wine will retard reaction time for 3 to 4 hr.

3. b. Reaction is quickest at the age of 23, according to tests made on an apparatus for determining braking reaction invented by Prof. H. R. DeSilva of Massachusetts State College. Two thousand tests showed the average reaction time at 15 years to be 43.7 hundredths of a second. This decreased gradually until at age 23 it was 41 hundredths of a second. Then it kept increasing until it reached 47 hundredths of a second at age 65. (This includes only the muscular reaction time and does not allow for mental reaction time in which the driver becomes aware of the situation on hand.)

4. d. The "natural" focal distance for the eye keeps increasing as the speed of the vehicle increases. The faster the driving, the farther away the point of concentration. At 45 m.p.h., the normal point of focus is 1270 ft. away, almost a quarter of a mile. At 65 the distance is 2000 ft., almost two-fifths of a mile.

5. a. Men are far more prone to color-blindness than women. About one man in 25 is color-blind, but

only one woman in 250.

6. b. Tunnel vision or barrel vision. As the speed of a vehicle increases, the vision of even normal eyes narrows greatly on both sides. Objects at the sides are noted in mass but not in detail. At 60 m.p.h. the angle of vision is less than half the angle at 20 m.p.h.

7. b. This sight out of the side of the eye is called peripheral vision. It has definitely been established in laboratory tests that colors do not register equally well in peripheral vision. The two colors least seen are green and boxcar red. This may be one of the reasons for the many accidents involving trains. The red of the cars against a background of

green is often missed entirely in the peripheral vision of the driver's eye. On this subject it is interesting to note that more vehicles are driven into the side of trains than are struck by trains.

8. b. The eating of carrots would help combat his "night blindness." So would any other food with vitamin A, such as butter or yellow or green vegetables. Airplane pilots who went on night bombing missions were given extra rich vitamin A diets.

9. d. He sees absolutely nothing at all. In order to see anything, the eye must be in a fixed position with relation to the object. The eye does not move evenly. It always goes in a series of jumps. When the eyes and head are moved, the eyes see nothing during the movement.

10. a. Your answer should be "yes." Stereoscopic vision means the ability to judge distance. All normal persons have it. A person lacking stereoscopic vision would be a very poor driver.



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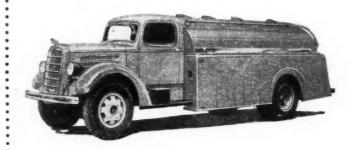
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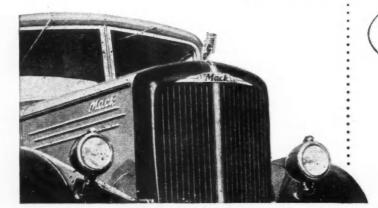
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ABBREVIATIONS

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KEY TO REFERENCES

e.f.—Cab Forward design.
c.a.e.—Cab-Vore-Engine design.
(2)—Diesd-engine equipped.
(T)—Designed for tractor use only.
(C)—Converted Ford or Chevrolt Model.

(2) International Harvester—Speci-fications show represent only the basic standard chassis units and standard chassis units and standard chassis ratings in keeping with defini-tions established by Commercial Car Journal. Optional units not shown such as engines, clutches, transmissions, axles or axle ratios, brakes, wheels and (2) International HarvesterW-Worm.

Gear Ratios

Drive and Torque (**) Only one ratio.

H—Hotchkiss (springs).
R—Radius Rods.
L—Parallel Torque Rods
T—Torque Arm. C—Channel.
T—Channel tepered front and rear.
L—Channel reinforced with lincr.
B—Channel reinforced with both liner
and flabplate.
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TL—Channel tapered front and rear
reinforced with liner.
D—Drop Center
T—Tapered front.
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WHEELS DRIVEN

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MAXIMUM STANDARD

CHASSIS WEIGHT manufacturer's representative.

The chassis list price applies to the min-fraum standard wheelbase with standard three and standard equipment. All prices are F.O.B. factory. Chassis list price does not include the price of the Cab unless otherwise noted.

CHASSIS LIST PRICE

The maximum standard wheelbase is the extreme end of the standard range of wheelbases offered by the chassis maker.

MAXIMUM BRAKE HP.

Maximum Brake Horsepower at Civen R.P...I. is actual dynamometer reading without accessories.

The standard tire size listed is that which is included in the Chassis List Price.

STANDARD TIRE SIZE

The Gross Weights published herewith are those supplied by manufacturers as their Recommended Gross Vehicle Weights for Normal Operating Condi-

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT FOR NORMAL SERVICE

RECOMMENDED

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS_

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-American Car Foundty.
-Cast fron.
-Copper fron.
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C—Center of double propeller shaft, 2—Rear wheels. 4—Four wheels. 6—Six wheels.

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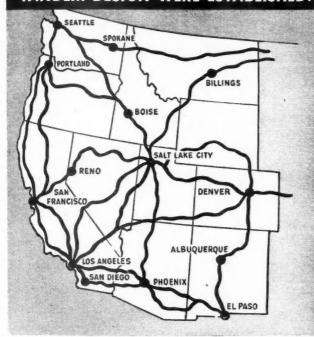
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shop hourly rate of \$2.25 for 1946-47 would result in the equivalent of \$1.71 per hour, a reduction of 54 cents below the '46-'47 rate but, when 17 cents for increased cost due to buildings, etc., is allowed, the net is 44 cents or 27 cents per hour below the present rate of \$2.25. This represents a substantial profit and enough to own and maintain two additional sets of shop buildings and their equipment.

The service and truck shed building will need to be treated differently.

Department engineers and architects in this case estimated as follows:

It is estimated by the Automotive and Construction Equipment Section that the monetary cost of letting cars and trucks stand outside in the weather (present practice) against housing them as in the truck shed, is approximately \$80 per unit more per year on the average, not including indeterminate items such as extra depreciation of tires, sun-baked windshields and the like.

A common figure, which includes depreciation, amortization, and maintenance of buildings, used by the department is 5 per cent (of the original cost) per annum which allows for 40 years' building life.

Five per cent of \$207,000 is \$10,-350; annual cost of owning and maintaining the new truck shed.

\$80 per unit times 125 units is \$10,000 annual savings by housing the cars and trucks. Difference, \$350.

Certainly more than the \$350 will be accounted for by miscellaneous savings such as better tire life, less sun-baked windshields, less depreciation of upholstery, to say nothing of the better convenience of servicing tires and batteries.

transmission

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The service and supply portion estimated to cost \$205,000 does not lend itself to exact analysis.

This building, by being fitted up in modern fashion for performing service operations, warehousing supplies and furnishing space for the truck drivers' lockers and waiting space, may well be considered proper and economical to own and maintain.

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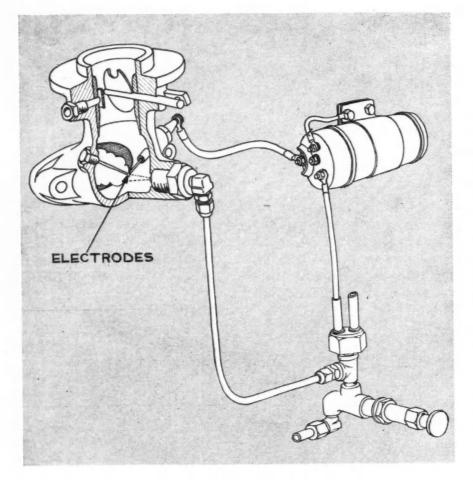
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Hercules Diesels Feature New Air Intake Heater

A nozzle and two electrodes mounted on cylinder head take place of glow plug. Fuel is ignited under pressure by spark

NEW development in the Hercules diesel engine is the arrangement for heating the induction system under low temperature operating conditions. Instead of the glow plugs formerly used, Hercules recommends the installation of a fuel oil burning air intake heater when operating temperature is below 50 deg. Fahr. This will facilitate starting and eliminate excessive use of the starting motor and the consequent drain on the batteries.

The air intake heater assembly

contains a nozzle and two electrodes and is mounted on the air intake elbow which is attached to the cylinder head. In conjunction with this is a manually operated fuel oil pump. with a pressure switch and vibrator coil, mounted on the dash or instrument panel. This unit should not require attention by the operator except an occasional cleaning of the fuel nozzle and checking the electrode gap which has a clearance of 3/32 in. If the electrodes become grounded, in very humid climates, due to a collection of moisture, it is necessary to dry the electrodes.

Two Phases of Operation

THE functioning of the unit consists of two phases-on starting, and after the engine starts. On starting, the hand fuel pump is operated at the same time the starting button is depressed. The hand pump draws fuel from the tank and conducts it to the heater nozzle through a small tube. The small orifice in the nozzle causes a restriction in the fuel line, developing pressure which operates the pressure switch. This, in turn, closes the electrical circuit and permits current to flow to the vibrator coil, thus producing the spark for igniting the fuel oil spray.

When the engine starts, the operation of the fuel oil pump and starter button are discontinued. The pressure in the fuel line then drops and the pressure switch breaks contact. Normally during this period not all of the oxygen in the air is consumed; hence the fuel previously injected into the cylinder will ignite. If the engine still does not start, discontinue operating the hand fuel pump and allow the heat absorbed by the manifold to warm the air passing to the cylinder. (The above condition is similar to over-choking a gasoline engine.) Should the firing of the cylinders slow down while pumping -stop pumping. And if the engine slows down after pumping is stopped, give the pump another short stroke. NOTE: Operate the priming pump only when the engine is being cranked.

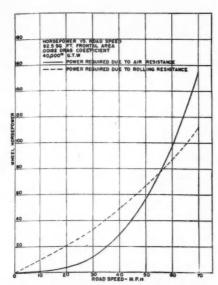


Fig. 1. Above 40 m.p.h., air resistance hp. requirement jumps. At 50 miles. 46% is required to overcome air

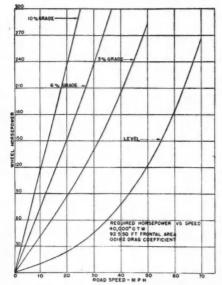
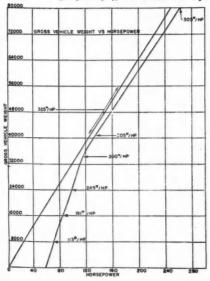


Fig. 2. Total hp. requirements for 40,000-lb. truck on levels and grades

Fig. 3. Previous highest hp. requirements on graph of gross load vs. hp.



Power Requirements in Trucks of the Future

To meet demands for more power, engines
will have greater output and speed with
less weight, improved gearbox efficiency

by F. R. NAIL

Assistant to Chief Engineer, Mack Manufacturing Corp.



F. R. Nail

OW much power is needed for a given truck is a question which will get as many answers as the number of times it is asked.

I don't know of any firm rule that will establish general power requirements. In highway transport, the demand for power will become increasingly greater in keeping with the demands of business transactions in general.

As far as public opinion is concerned, it is a two-edged sword. The average passenger car driver is prone to damn a truck if it forces him to reduce his speed on the highway due to his inability to pass. He will be even more distressed if he is forced to follow the truck for any distance at a decidedly reduced speed. This distress easily becomes of such magnitude that his legislator hears about it.

You will recall that shortly before the war there was considerable agitation for minimum performance laws for trucks and the Public Roads Administration embarked on an extensive research and test program to determine what these minimums should be. If they had found the answer, I wouldn't be speculating about it now.

On the other hand, if this same driver is cruising along the highway, at what he has determined is the proper speed, and a truck breezes past him, he is ready to put up a scrap about that. Particularly, if the truck speed is sufficiently faster than his to create wind pressure that will momentarily cause greater steering effort on his part. Under that condition, he is likely to tell his congressman that the truck is a menace to highway safety and their speeds should be held down by law. In some states they are below those of passenger cars right now.

From the angle of public opinion, (TURN TO NEXT PAGE, PLEASE)

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then, the power should be sufficient to maintain a road speed about equal to that allowed the passenger car. This varies from 35 m.p.h. to 70 m.p.h. at present. The majority of states, I believe, are about 50 m.p.h.

Utility demands that trucks be powered to carry their loads through several states. That would mean they should all be capable of sustained speeds of 70 m.p.h. Efficiency, however, probably won't permit such speed.

Overcoming Rolling Resistance

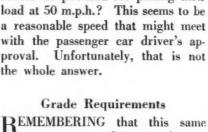
TET'S take a look at hp. requirements for a truck 121/2 ft. high and 8 ft. wide to overcome air resistance and hp. requirements to overcome rolling resistance of 40,000 lb. train, which is the most popular size highway vehicle. Fig. 1 shows that

above 40 m.p.h., the air resistance hp. requirement begins to skyrocket and at 50 m.p.h. 46 per cent of the total required hp. is to overcome air resistance. We are approaching the point of diminishing returns where the extra road speed does not yield enough saving in trip time to compensate for the extra fuel consumed.

Should we say then that trucks should be powered for pulling their

passenger car driver is also anpower requirements must be checked as well. Here is another curve, Fig. 2, showing total hp. requirements for a 40,000 lb. vehicle, of the same frontal area as we had before, when traveling on the level, on a 3 per cent grade, a 6 per cent grade, and a 10 per cent grade. These particular grades were picked as being considered those with which we are most commonly concerned. A 3 per cent grade is a common maximum on most any highway; the 6 per cent is usually the steepest grade encountered; the 10 per cent is the uncommon variety and the one which is most likely to incur our passenger car driver's wrath.

Using the power requirement for 50 m.p.h. on the level as a criterion, we see that we could go 26½ m.p.h. on a 3 per cent grade, 161/2 m.p.h. (TURN TO PAGE 105, PLEASE)



noyed when he is held up by a slow moving truck on a grade, other



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on a 6 per cent grade, and 101/2 m.p.h. on a 10 per cent grade. I believe you will agree that these speeds are too slow. If powered to travel 70 m.p.h. on the level, the corresponding grade speeds are 48 m.p.h. for 3 per cent grade, 33 m.p.h. for 6 per cent grade, and 221/2 m.p.h. for 10 per cent. Now I think you will agree that these speeds are pretty good. Considerably above what is normally encountered today. Whether or not such advance performance is needed is a question which I'm not prepared to answer. It is, as I said earlier, a matter of opinion and I prefer, at this time, to keep my opinion to myself.

It will, of course, be answered by the economics involved; that is, how much money can be invested in the first cost of the vehicle, plus the amount of tare weight that can be tolerated, as opposed to the gain that can be derived in revenue as a result of reduced haul time. This, undoubtedly, will require tailoring a truck to the particular operation, since there would be little gain in cutting two hours running time from a trip that required 10 hours unless the operation were one based on 24-hour duty.

Assuming for the moment that we have arrived at a performance requirement of 50 m.p.h. on a level road for 40,000 lb. gross vehicle weight and reading from the curve the power requirement of 123 hp., we might say that 325 lb./hp. could be taken as a design factor of all highway vehicles. But this is not the case, if comparable performance is desired. That same old "bogie" of

air resistance again upsets the apple cart. Required hp. can be expressed as equal to tractive effort in pounds times speed in m.p.h. divided by 375. The tractive effort factor is composed of force required to overcome rolling resistance plus force required to overcome air resistance. In light gross weight vehicles, air resistance is a large percentage of the total. This percentage decreases as the gross load goes up. This, of course, presupposes that all vehicles have the

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same frontal area, a presumption which is very nearly right since density of various loads require bodies of the same dimensions over a wide range of gross loads.

Meeting Highest Demand

IF WE select from the four curves, the desired speed for each road condition (in this case I have selected 50 m.p.h. on level, 28 m.p.h. on 3 per cent grade, 171/2 m.p.h. on 6 per cent grade and 11 m.p.h. on 10 per cent grade) our hp. for the vehicle must equal that of the highest single demand. If these same curves are plotted for various gross loads and the highest requirement is taken from each and plotted on another graph of gross load vs. hp., the curve, in comparison to the straight line function, will look like that shown in Fig. 3.

Fig. 4. Proportion of usable and avail-

able hp. for a given combination

You are naturally interested in what design features are going to be in new engines to deliver these power requirements. Sticking to the prerequisites, I can say that the efficiency to be demanded of the new trucks will require, and get, engines of greater output for less weight and that they will run faster. They must run faster to reduce their own weight unit per hp. as well as keep their torque down within reasonable limits to permit reductions in weight of the gear set and other power transmission units.

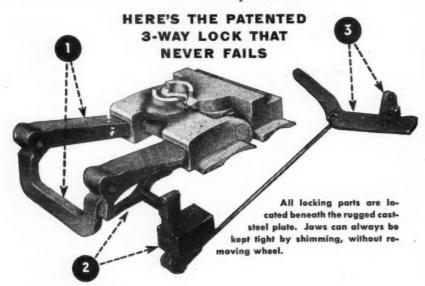
How this will be accomplished is no particular secret. Much has been learned, during the war years, to improve materials that will allow increased speeds of the present day automotive engine. Much has been learned, too, in refinements of manifolding and combustion chamber design which will give us higher thermal efficiencies. Improved fuel will allow us to increase compression ratios without detrimental effect from

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5th WHEEL

WHO IS IT?

ANSWER... (To Question on P. 105)

"Commando" Kelly, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Silver Star, is today operator of a Sunoco service station on the north side of Pittsburgh. Kelly has written a book, "One Man's War," and a movie is being made of his life.

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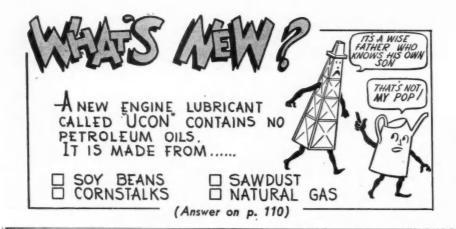
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detonation. If I go any farther, I'll wind up with a "prediction."

Hydraulic Torque Conversion

THE automotive engine, as we know it today, does not have the flexibility, or range, to move the trucking loads over the highways at desired speeds as well as start the load without some means of torque conversion. The industry has lived with the gearbox torque converter for a long time and we have heard predictions that the hydraulic torque converter will also enter the truck field. I personally would be disappointed in engineering progress if some form of converter giving uninterrupted acceleration did not enter the field. But when it does, it will be because it fits into the prerequisite triangle we have been discussing.

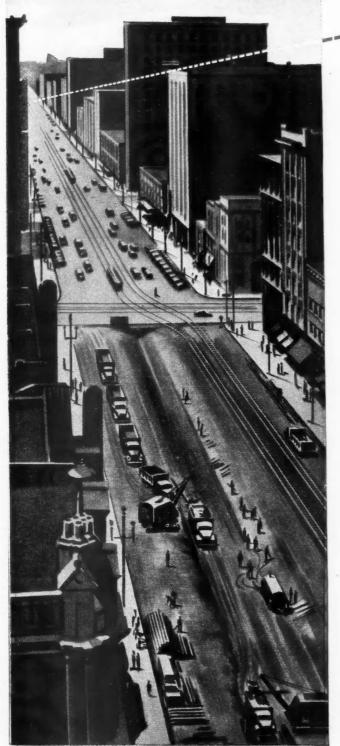
The hydraulic torque converter has shown itself to have characteristics advantageous to passenger cars and to buses. Neither of these, however, require the extremely wide range of torque multiplication that is necessary in truck work. At its present stage of development, the hydraulic torque converter requires a supplementing gearbox to cover this range.

Usable and Unusable Hp.

ONSIDERING the most important design requisite, efficiency, and I speak now of overall truck efficiency and not of any particular unit, graph shown in Fig. 4 illustrates the proportion of usable hp. to the available hp. for a particular combination. Two gearboxes have been superimposed on the same chart. Area under the hyperbola represents the total available hp. output. The black area represents the total usable hp. in a five-speed gearbox. The ratio of these two areas shows an overall efficiency for the five-speed box of 84.5 per cent. The shaded area indicates the loss or unusable hp.

Supplementing the five-speed gearbox with an auxiliary ratio gives us the steps indicated by the dotted lines. We have not changed engines and, therefore, the area inclosed by the dotted lines shows the hp. we have

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regained. The overall efficiency of the 10-speed gearbox has been increased to 91 per cent. Obviously then, the more steps we put in the transmission the closer we approach the 100 per cent output line. An infinite number of steps is not the answer, however, as we must consider driver efficiency.

The efficiency of the gearbox can

be improved without increasing the number of steps by changing the spacing between the steps as shown in Fig. 5. This is also a 10-speed gearbox covering a wider range but with the steps near the high range spaced close together with increasingly less loss in hp., and the steps near the low range spaced wide apart which show considerable loss. The overall efficiency of this transmission is 881/2 per cent. This does not indicate improvement; however, remembering that properly selected gear-

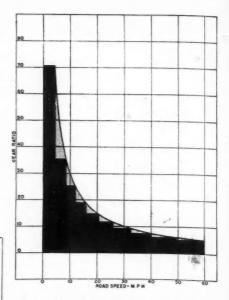


Fig. 5. Gear box efficiency can be im-

proved by changing range spacing. Overall efficiency of this box is 88½ per cent. High range steps are spaced close; low range are spaced wider

boxes will permit starting a vehicle normally in second speed (considering a five-speed gearbox) we see in the first instance that the starting reduction was approximately 271/2 to 1. Going to the gathered ratio transmission and starting at a reduction of 35 to 1, since we have increased its range, we will have an efficiency over the driving range of 931/4 per cent. Since a very small percentage of driving time is outside the high efficiency range, we have a very good unit to meet the requirement of high overall truck efficiency.

Were it possible to produce a hydraulic torque converter that would (TURN TO PAGE 112, PLEASE)

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WHAT'S NEW?

ANSWER... (To Question on P. 108)

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follow the hyperbola, it would be the best converter possible. To my knowledge, however, this has not been done to date and I doubt if it is possible so long as a supplementing gearbox is necessary.

The acceptable torque converter not only must produce overall efficiency but it must provide ease of control for the benefit of maintaining high driver efficiency. The close spaced gearbox will require considerable shifting and the advantages will not be realized if the shifting is such that driver fatigue causes skipping of speeds or lugging of the engine.

There are already on the market a number of designs to obtain the desired results insofar as proper steps are concerned. There are four and five-speed gearboxes in conjunction with auxiliary gearboxes of two and three speeds which provide eight, 10, 12 and 15 speeds. There are also two-speed axles which afford double the number of steps in the gearboxes ahead of it. There are auxiliary gearboxes built integral with the main gearboxes.

All of these ratios will not appreciably help the driver unless the shifting is easy. Power shifting in some cases is already in operation, more power shifting will become available as synchronizing is more widely used.

Speed Synchronization

SYNCHRONIZING still causes some tongue-in-the-cheek reaction due to premature failures experienced early in its development. This is merely a problem of designing adequate capacity for the loads imposed. The number of synchronized units now on the markket is an indication of how successfully this has been accomplished. There are generally two types of synchronizers now in use.

The cone synchronizer and the multiple-disc synchronizer. Due to limitations in space, it is possible to obtain considerably greater capacity with the multiple-disc type as the

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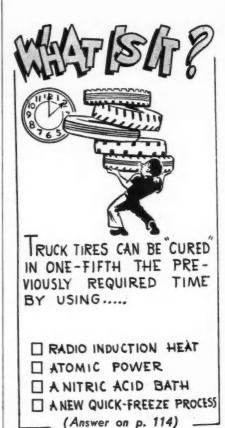
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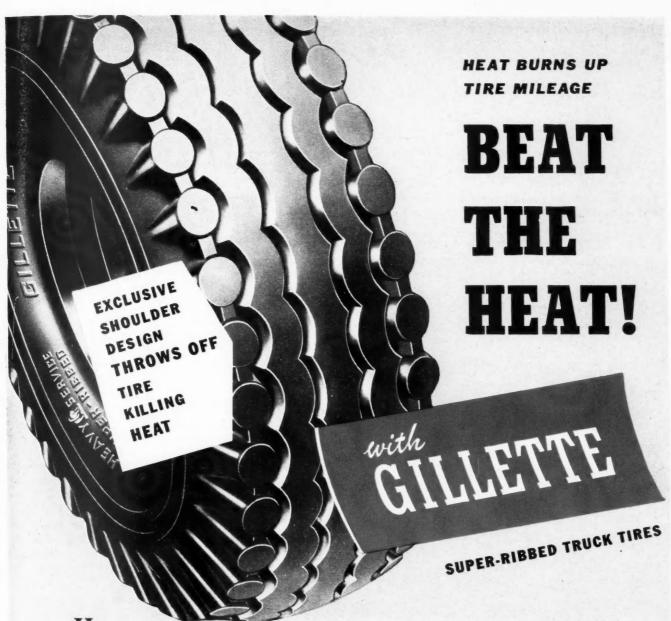
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friction is absorbed by a large number of very thin discs which take up very little room but present a very great area for the friction contact.

The complete power operation of both gearboxes and clutches will be dependent upon the cost as balanced against the value to the operator in increased driver efficiency.

Brake Considerations

THERE is one other very important item affecting the overall efficiency of truck operation. That is brakes. After the expected high-powered trucks get in operation, a very real problem in brake maintenance will result. There have been many predictions of what would or may yet happen to brake design. I don't wish to make a prediction but I would like to bring out one point, as no discussion in regard to effi-

ciency of truck operation can overlook it. Brakes as designed today can and do adequately control the vehicle. But as power goes up, brake life comes down and with present overall width limitations the ultimate in what can be done to prolong their life is rapidly being reached.

The greatest demand on brakes is in down hill hauling where they are almost constantly dragging for the purpose of holding the vehicle at a safe speed. What is needed is an auxiliary brake powerful enough to do this job without using friction surfaces.

There are at present, to my knowledge, two designs on the market, one a water brake, the other an electric induction brake, which can do this job. They both operate as a unit interposed in the drive shaft. They have three disadvantages as I see them: First, cost; second, weight; and, third, there has been no provision made for applying them to a trailer or semi-trailer where most of this type of braking for safety reasons is applied.

I do not consider the last an insurmountable obstacle. The first two may be improved upon and at the same time the disadvantages equalized by savings in service brake maintenance. Maintenance costs demand a solution to this problem and there is no reason to believe that it will not be forthcoming.

Efficiency in technical usage has always meant the ratio of output to input. Laws of physics have limited efficiency to less than unity as it applies to machines. Efficiency, as it has been used in this discussion, must equal something greater than unity as it has been applied to profitable truck transport. The operator must

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ANSWER... (To Question on P. 112)

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realize more dollars in freight revenue than he is required to spend in operating cost.

Distinctive styling gives individual personality to a truck. If pleasing to the public, it will be accepted on the highways with a minimum of prohibitions that will enable the operator to carry economical cargoes. If practical, accessibility will cut down maintenance costs.

Adequate power, with reasonable limits in top speed, will reduce public condemnation and the stimulating force for restrictive legislation. The truck operator's hands will be further freed for diversified hauling plans and ton-miles per gallon of fuel will be doubly benefited.

Torque conversion that transmits maximum available power to driving wheels over a wide range of tractive effort requirements will further increase the ton-miles per gallon of

Rail Truck Developed For Road or Track Use

COMPLETION of engineering and design for the postwar models of the Evans Auto-Railer, the dual purpose railroad and highway vehicle, is announced by Ferd Keihn, manager of the Auto-Railer division of Evans Products Co., Detroit.



Auto-Railers are equipped with retractable steel flanged pilot wheels to hold the vehicle on railroad tracks. Tractive power is provided by standard vehicle wheels, equipped with special tires designed for maximum traction on wet and slippery rails. For highway operation, the pilot wheels are retracted by controls from the driver's seat. A full speed reverse gear is incorporated into the standard truck shift for rail operation.

Two models of the Auto-Railer will be produced in 1946, a 11/2-ton railroad maintenance of way truck and a 34-ton railroad inspection car. The 1946 inspection car will have an all-steel body, combining the strength of a panel truck with the comforts of a deluxe station wagon, according

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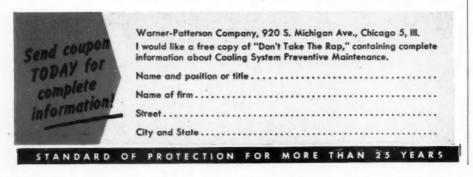
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TORQUED BUT NOT TIGHT

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train standing in the station and checks the wheels with a hammer for preventive maintenance. Let's take off those U-bolts and look at them."

"But, first," suggested the spring maker, "let's measure the distance from the nuts to the ends of the bolts. Here it is-13/8 in. Now we can remove the nuts from the U-bolts."

"There's the trouble!" exclaimed the fleet operator, holding the nut beside the U-bolt. "With that distance from the end of the bolt to the nut, it is obvious that the nut was down on the end of the thread, and much of the torque was being used in an unsuccessful effort to cut longer threads on the bolt. Sorry we caused you the trouble of this trip."

"That's all right," said the spring maker. "It's these little things that cause trouble. The big things, no-

body misses. So, while we are at it, let's look at the spring seats or pads on the axle, because these sometimes get worn rounded, especially when the springs have been allowed to move due to loose U-bolts. No, these are all right. They fit the spring plates as they should.

"One of the causes of stretched Ubolts," continued the spring maker, "may be off-the-road use, or over rough detours. Winter's icy ruts are hard on chassis parts. When U-bolts are a little loose, they tend to get looser rapidly, because of the hammering action of the loose parts. As you know, a properly tightened bolt is actually stretched a little. In the U. S. Army, it was recommended practice to use. 003 in. of stretch per inch of length, as the measurement of a correctly tightened bolt. Consequently, a U-bolt that is 16 in. long (many are much longer) should be stretched 16 times .003 in. or .048 in. That's nearly .05 in. or 1/20 in. and a surprising stretch in a heavy

"But measuring the stretch of Ubolts isn't practical," said the fleet

operator.

"True," agreed the spring maker.

"Probably the most practical method is to stretch one or two U-bolts to the breaking point with a torque wrench, and then use from two-thirds to three-fourths of this torque as the proper limit for tightening U-bolt nuts. Another important help is to re-tighten the U-bolts after the first day of use, when new or repaired springs have been installed. The bedding down of the spring plates usually allows considerable tightening to be done."

"We'll try those suggestions," said the fleet operator. "And many thanks for the suggestions."

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WHICH IS IT?

ANSWER... (To Question on P. 116)

Chevrolet. The National Soap Box Derby is co-sponsored by Chevrolet and various newspaper men throughout the country. Winners in over 100 cities will go to the finals at Akron to compete for trophies. A 4year college scholarship goes to the first place winner.

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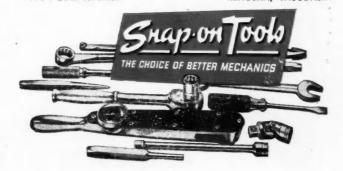
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Q. What about Grizzly production?
A. Grizzly is one of the largest producers of molded brake lining and operates two large capacity plants employing the most modern mass production techniques.

Q. Can Grizzly handle individual brake lining problems? A. Yes, for these reasons: Grizzly is large, yet highly flexible and those factors plus constant research and alertness to new brake lining developments enable Grizzly to solve brake lining problems of widely divergent natures.

Q. What are the characteristics of Grizzly brake lining? A. Here are just a few Grizzly brake lining features: (1) It is an exclusive asbestos-friction compound, molded on a strong wire-grid back. (2) It maintains a constant high coefficient of friction throughout longer life. (3) It is precision machined for quick, easy installation. (4) It provides all around superior braking performance under all conditions of service.

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NEW AUTOCAR ENGINE HAS MANY REFINEMENTS

No entirely new models of Autocar trucks are being produced at this time, nor are any likely to be until the present oversold emergency has been licked. That need not imply that Autocar's engineering staff has been laid off or all converted into production men. Far from it. Some new models are now in the road testing stage and others even farther along would have been announced early this year but for the reasons stated above.

The new and improved Autocar No. 501 "Blue Streak" engine is now being installed in the current production of those larger models for which the older 501 engine was standard at the time when the order was placed. This new engine incorporates many notable engineering developments whereby the output has been increased from 145 to 165 b.hp. with no change in the displacement of 501 cu. in. Noteworthy new features of this improved powerplant include a down-draft carburetor, new cylinder block with larger intake passages, a new camshaft which improves the timing and gives greater lift to the valves, new intake and exhaust manifolds, and a new type of governor which gives very close regulation. Also, the accessory driveshaft and housing have been altered to permit the mounting of the fuel pump on the left side of the engine.

Another new feature recently applied to current Autocar production is the improved design of the front fenders whereby they are entirely separate from the running board and splash apron. This construction makes it possible to remove the fender by loosening only four bolts. When the fender is thus removed, complete accessibility is afforded to both the engine and the front running gear. This feature of easy removal is also valuable when fenders are damaged and it becomes necessary to remove them for straightening.

A new step-type gasoline tank recently applied to Autocar production will be welcomed by the trade. This tank, mounted under the cab, is hung from brackets bolted to the frame rail and can be removed quickly. The step on the outer surface is also readily detachable should need arise. This new Autocar step-type tank has a capacity of 50 gal. It is sturdily constructed of 12-gage metal and is welded throughout. Also, it is reinforced by two baffles welded on the inside.

The filler cap of the new step-type tank is conveniently located at the front end of the tank and at the same time the gasoline feed line and the fuel gage sending unit are readily accessible by merely lifting the floor board. This new tank is designed for mounting on either the left or the right side of the chassis, but in either installation the filler cap is at the front. When two of those tanks are used on the same chassis, a three-way valve, conveniently mounted on the seat box, permits the driver to shift from one tank to the other without stopping the vehicle.



of truck user surveys that indicated an established preference for all-steel bodies by many large volume buyers in a number of trucking fields.

Also as a result of these surveys, initial output is being held to the popular 12-and 16-foot lengths most in demand. The new bodies are 78 in. high and 86½ in. wide, inside dimensions. They are 90 in. wide outside.

L. M. Oltman, president of the newlyformed company, is a former sales executive of the Dodge Truck Division of Chrysler Corp. The other officers of the company are J. V. O'Neill, vice-president in charge of production, and P. J. O'Neill, secretarytreasurer.

ALL-STEEL BODIES FOR VARIED SERVICES

FORMATION of the Oltman-O'Neill Co. has been announced simultaneously with the start of production of the new firm's all-purpose "Cargo-Tested" universal truck bodies.

The new type bodies are being built to the "Cargo-Tested" specifications of the widest possible variety of truck users. They are all closed van-type bodies with spring tension double doors that open full-width for loading any kind of cargo from produce to package freight. Their non-skid steel floors are said to be unusually strong and easy to keep clean.

They are of all-steel, all-welded construction, built of high tensile strength steel throughout to make them capable of withstanding great stresses and strains, according to the manufacturer.

Among the new design characteristics of 'Cargo-Tested' bodies are these features: a welded, grid-type rigid frame construction; modern rustproofing throughout; smooth sides for beauty, and a roof and sides of hot-rolled sheet steel that takes paint readily for permanent neat appearance.

Initial orders have been placed by dealers for installation at the Oltman-O'Neill factory on new truck driveaways. In such cases the body delivers itself with the new truck, ready for the customer when received by the dealer, the company states.

Mass production methods in body manufacture have been inaugurated as a result

WHAT'S COMING?

ANSWER ... (To Question on P. 120)

Steel, spun into fine, tough threads may be one of the main components of the tire of the future. Anticipated replacement of cotton and rayon threads with the spun steel will reduce the number of plies on a tire, a factor that will be especially advantageous for the truck tire.

(Another Cartoon Quiz is on P. 126)

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No. 825 with regular spout; No. 825-A with SHUT-OFF VALVE FILL SPOUT as shown; No. 825-B with hose and spout for filling transmissions, etc.

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CEILINGS OFF CERTAIN TRUCKS; NEW PRICING PLAN

Price ceilings have been suspended on trucks of more than 40,000 lb. gross vehicle weight and on certain trucks with special body mountings when sold as complete units. The latter includes fire fighting equipment, tank trucks, street sprinklers, snow plows, garbage trucks and patrol wagons. Also included in the suspension, authorized by Amendment 20 to Supplementary Order 129, dated May 13, 1946, are all types of busses, hearses, flower cars, ambulances and motorized repair shops.

Under the same date, Maximum Price Regulation No. 610 establishes four methods of establishing prices on commercial vehicles not affected by the suspension order. The four methods are as follows:

Method One is used for pricing vehicles not substantially different from similar models priced under revised MPR No. 136. For such vehicles the manufacturer's ceiling prices are those charged on March 31, 1942.

Method Two provides a means of computing ceiling prices by adding to or subtracting from the vehicle's 1942 price the net increase or decrease in direct labor and materials costs attributable to changes in specifications.

Method Three provides a means, at the manufacturer's option, of computing ceiling prices by the general reconversion pricing formula provided for OPA for industries converting their production from war to peace time goods. This method, in general, permits computation of all costs factors and applying the net changes to the January, 1941 price of the vehicle in question.

Method Four is used for establishing prices on vehicles radically different from any models of the same make previously manufactured. Under this method, the manufacturer is provided with a set of standards under which he selects as his proposed price the ceiling price of the most similar vehicle produced by another manufacturer and adjusts his price by the differences in direct costs due to variations in specifications from the model selected.

Commenting on the reason for suspension of price controls over vehicles in the categories mentioned above, the Office of Price Administration states that the costs of these vehicles do not enter substantially into living and business costs because when amortized, their original cost is a com-

paratively small part of the cost of doing business. Other important influencing factors were that most production in these categories was already sold out for the balance of 1946 at firm prices, and that most sales of these vehicles were to municipalities or other large users at negotiated prices.

Resellers' margins will reflect the customary initial percentage margins over cost except to the extent OPA determines absorption factors should be applied to prevent manufacturers' prices from reaching consumers.

FORD ADDS LARGER MODELS

A new 2-ton nominal rating for the 1946 Ford truck has been announced by J. D. Ball, sales manager of the Ford Motor Co. truck division. The new rating applies when the truck is equipped with a two-speed axle, heavyduty, double-channel frame, 8:25 x 20 10-ply dual tires and power brake. Gross vehicle weight ratings are 14,500 lb. and 15,000 lb. respectively for conventional and cabover-engine models.

"In releasing the two-ton rating," Mr. Ball said, "Ford becomes the first manufacturer to provide V-8 power in the two-ton truck class. It is another step in our plans to make available to operators an increased range of truck sizes and types."

The new truck is available with either the 100 hp. V-8 engine, or the 90 hp. 6-cyl. truck engine.

Additional engine sizes are being planned for Ford trucks in 1947, Mr. Ball disclosed.

C. W. PERELLE HEADS GAR WOOD

Charles W. Perelle, formerly vice-president in charge of manufacturing of Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corp., has been

elected president of
Gar Wood Industries, Inc., according
to an announcement
by John J. Bergen,
chairman of the
board.
Mr. Perelle brings

Mr. Perelle brings to Gar Wood a managerial production and organizational knowledge that has

twice been called upon by the War De-

partment to help solve specific production crises. A native of Alaska, Mr. Perelle broke into the aviation industry in 1930 and rose in seven years from a \$175-amonth tool designer to be a \$175,000-a-year vice-president of Hughes Tool Co.

BODY ENGINEERS FORM SOCIETY

Announcement has been made of the formation of a new engineering society called "The American Society of Body Engineers, Incorporated" by its president, I. Louis Carron, body engineer of the Detroit Harvester Co. The society has been organized as a non-profit corporation with national headquarters in the Rackham Memorial Building in Detroit. This is an aggressive organization composed entirely of leading body engineers from practically all the companies in the automotive industry.

A Technical Convention will be held in October in the Rackham Memorial Building in Detroit, with Carl W. Cenzer as general chairman. Elaborate plans are already well underway. Committees are being formed and are to be headed by capable and experienced men who have devoted many years toward the progress of body design and engineering.

SET-ASIDE SALES FOR VETERANS

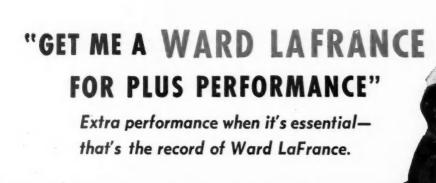
Veterans had a chance to buy approximately 5700 surplus motor vehicles in the first major sales under the new "set-aside" priority which began May 20, at Port Hueneme, Cal. The sale was for certified veterans in California, Arizona and part of Nevada. The list included 5499 new vehicles, mostly trucks of light sizes up to 2½ tons, and about 200 used trucks. Set-aside sales for veterans will be conducted in every War Assets Administration region later.

SEIZED TRUCK LINES SUE U. S.

Three Kansas City trucking lines have filed suits in the U. S. Court of Claims for damages alleged to have grown out of government operation and control. Plaintiffs in the suits are Byers Transportation Co., asking \$872,045 in damages; Wheelock Brothers, Inc., asking \$997,218; and Knaus Truck Lines, Inc., asking \$917,402.

The three companies were part of 103 taken over by the Office of Defense Transportation in 1944 as a war emergency measure to avert a strike by the Teamster's

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Union. If the charges are upheld, the federal government's seizure of the 103 midwest motor freight carriers will cost the government \$2,786,664, in addition to unspecified amounts previously expended during and after the period of seizure.

MILNE NAMED ROADEO MASTER

George F. Milne has been appointed "roadeo master" for the American Trucking Associations annual roadeo in Chicago

this fall, according to an announcement from Charles G. Morgan, Jr., director of the Safety and Operations division of ATA.

In addition to his work with the roadeo, Mr. Milne will personally supervise preliminary truck driving contests now being held in 20 states to determine eligibility of state champions who will compete in the national event in Chicago.

4868 TRUCK TRAILERS FOR JAN.

The January production of civilian truck trailers with a rated capacity of five tons or more reached 4868, according to a report released by the Bureau of Census and based on reports from 107 manufacturing plants.

Production figures for each type of trailer have been prepared in the Industry Division by the Transportation Equipment Unit and the list follows:

Truck Trailers: Production, January, 1946 (Preliminary)

	Janua	
		Per Cent
Type of Trailer	Number	of Total
Total Trailers	. 4868	100
Vans	. 2777	57
Insulated	. 153	3
Refrigerated	. 280	6
Furniture	. 26	1
All other closed-top		
trailers	. 2116	43
Open top	. 202	4
Racks		10
Cattle racks	. 286	6
Stake racks	. 195	4
Tanks	. 162	3
Petroleum		1
Other¹	. 87	2
Pole and logging	. 336	7
Single axle	. 247	5
Tandem axle	. 89	2
Platforms	. 787	17
Low-bed heavy hauler	18	
over 15-ton capacity) 163	3
Off-highway	. 46	1
Dump		1
All other	. 77	1

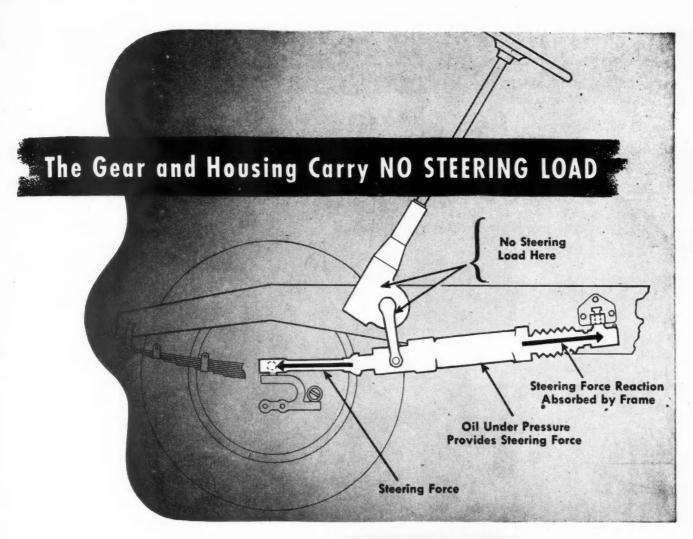
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Includes milk and other tanks which were combined to avoid disclosing the operations of individual plants.

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WHO, BACK IN THE 20'S LED WITH THE SLOGAN, "AMERICANS SHOULD PRODUCE THEIR OWN RUBBER!"
☐ B. F. GOODRICH ☐ CHARLES GOODYEAR ☐ HARVEY S. FIRESTONE ☐ HERBERT HOOVER (Answer on P. 128)



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DAVISBILT CO. REORGANIZES

The Davisbilt Products Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, specialists in the design and manufacture of fluid carriers, are now affiliated with the Liberty Aircraft Products Corp., Farmingdale, Long Island.

Members of the new board of directors are: Oliver H. Payne, chairman of the board: J. F. Winchester; E. H. Malden; John A. Payne; Robert Simon. Executive officers are: E H. Malden, executive vice president; Leonard Duerr, vice president

in charge of engineering; Erwin Schwartz, vice president in charge of production; Joseph S. Keller, vice president in charge of purchasing; and William T. Snyder, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

IHC LISTS PERSONNEL CHANGES

International Harvester Co. has announced the following changes in branch management personnel:

N. G. Hites has been named manager of the company's Columbus, Ohio, branch, succeeding H. W. Moody, who has been appointed manager of the motor truck branch at Albany, N. Y. R. G. Greer has been appointed assistant manager of the Salt Lake City branch, and D. I. Persons has been made branch manager at Spokane, Wash. F. R. Johnson is the new assistant manager at the Cheyenne, Wyo., branch, while W. K. Kittoe has been made assistant manager of the Spokane, Wash., branch. H. F. Thornburg becomes assistant manager of the Salina, Kan., branch, and J. H. Barr takes over as assistant manager at Syracuse.

BENDIX-WESTINGHOUSE EXPANDS

Four new regional offices have been opened by the Bendix-Westinghouse Air Brake Co. of Elyria, Ohio, according to an announcement made by Floyd L. Wheaton, sales manager for the company.

The New York office is located at 8206-7 Empire State Building and will be under the supervision of A. R. Leukhardt, regional manager. In Detroit, J. V. Ralston, assistant regional manager, will direct the company's activities from offices at 217 in the Boulevard Building. E. W. McKay, regional manager, will represent the company in Atlanta from headquarters at 69 Mills St., N.W., and W. H. Parish, regional manager, will be in charge of the Dallas office at 313 Andrews Building.

FORD NAMES VICE PRESIDENTS

Four new vice presidents have been elected by the Ford Motor Co. to head major operating divisions. They are: Herman L. Moekle, in charge of finance; John R. Davis, in charge of sales and advertising; John S. Bugas, in charge of industrial relations; and Albert J. Browning, in charge of purchasing.

At the same time W. S. James, director of research, was appointed to the staff of Henry Ford II, responsible to the president for all research.

WAYNE TO SELL PITLIFT JACK

The Wayne Pump Co. of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been granted an exclusive license for the manufacture and sale of the Pitlift Jack. F. S. Harshbarger, manager of the hoist division of Wayne, states that manufacture of the jack will progress as rapidly as conditions permit.

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WHO SAID IT?

ANSWER... (To Question on P. 126)

Harvey S. Firestone, who fought vigorously against a British law enacted in 1922, designed to create abnormally high prices for rubber by restricting its production to a point where a demand would exceed the supply. Firestone followed up by starting his own rubber plantation in Liberia.

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HEAVY-DUTY FEDERAL DEVELOPS 184 HP.

FEDERAL Motor Truck Co. will soon begin volume production of the Model 65M2, a new heavy duty model truck designed to provide exceptional power, speed, acceleration and operating economy for big tonnage over-the-road operators. It will be larger than any other unit now being built by Federal, and will increase the company's current line of commercial vehicles to twelve models with capacity ratings ranging from two tons up.

A gasoline engine developing 184 hp. at 2600 rpm. and 480 ft. lb. torque at 1200

rpm., powers the new vehicle having gross rating of 30,000 pounds as a truck and 60,000 pounds as a tractor-trailer combination. Basic specifications include a two-speed double reduction rear axle, overdrive transmission, radius rod drive, long flexible springs and a shock resistant extra heavy duty frame. Five wheelbase lengths ranging from 141 in. to 201 in. will be available with conventional or sleeper cabs.

The steering control mechanism as well as the driver's comfort represents a marked improvement over prevailing heavy duty truck design. Steering geometry has been perfected to provide unusual steering ease, eliminating undue driver fatigue.

Power is furnished by 6-cyl. Continental valve-in-head engine of 602-cu. in. displacement, having a bore and stroke of 4% in. and 5% in. This power plant was described in detail in the March issue of COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL, page 72.

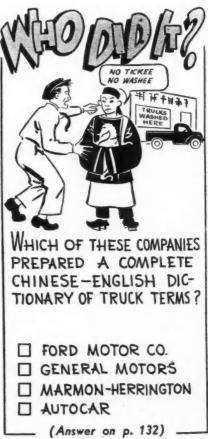
Special attention has been given to good riding qualities. Both front and rear springs are carefully oil tempered, graded and fitted with nickel-steel heat treated "U" bolts and center bolts. Springs are longer and more flexible than in comparable models and yet are designed to provide ample load carrying capacity.

Starting and stopping thrusts of the rear axle are absorbed my heavy tubular steel radius rods. They relieve the rear springs of strains, allowing them to be designed exclusively for maximum riding performance. Large hardened and ground steel pins and bronze bushings have been specified for the new model unit with rear springs being shackled at each end. The auxiliary springs are of similar design and material. An additional safety factor has been provided by peening the upper surface of the main leaves thus relieving surface tension and reducing breakage.

The heavy front axle is of alloy steel of heat-treated drop forgings throughout having a wide track of 78 in. This permits a short turning radius. Full ball and roller bearing anti-friction steering gears having a ratio of 28.4 to 1, helps to assure the utmost in steering ease, maneuverability,

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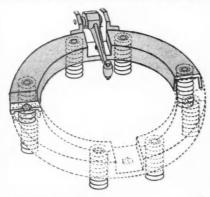




No FADING of Torque Capacity

- ★ Compensates for Wear of Frictional Material
- ★ Compensates for Fading Pressures of Expanding Springs

Wew LIPE CONSTANT-CAPACITY Clutch



Equalizing Ring Balances Spring Pressures

Spring pressures against the toggles is applied by means of a floating ring that equalizes all variations in individual spring tensions and assures a uniform pressure working through each toggle. Because it floats, the equalizing ring serves as an inertia balancer that effectively dampens both cyclical and torsional vibration. Based on an entirely different application of the toggle-lever principle, the new LIPE Constant-Capacity Clutch is certain to revolutionize current thinking about clutch design, capacity and service. It does not lose torque capacity while there is a reasonable amount of friction material left to hold. The constantly increasing leverage of the toggle—which never goes over center—builds up pressure in almost direct ratio to the losses sustained through dissipation of friction material, loss of friction coefficient in the friction material, and fading spring tension due to expansion and fatigue. The net result is a torque capacity that remains practically constant until the friction material is spent.

Positive Drive With Soft Engagement

Despite its high pressures and positive drive, the engagement of this clutch is amazingly gentle. This is due (1) to the fact that the initial energy of the springs is partly absorbed by the toggles, and (2) to the fact that the rate of engagement is slowed by the

fading speed of the toggle as it approaches center.

High thermal efficiency is assured by a massive plate, ribbed for faster radiation, and cooled by positively generated air currents.

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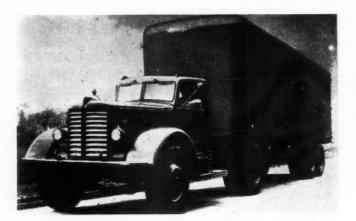
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HEAVY-DUTY FEDERAL

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positive control and effortless driving.

Timken's newly developed S-300 series full floating double reduction two-speed rear axle is standard equipment on the new model. Dual ratio 6.53 to 1 in high range and 8.53 to 1 in low range, controlled by an air shift mechanism has been provided. The carrier is removable as a unit to facilitate repairs and adjustments. Both front and rear axles will have a road clearance of approximately eleven in. with 11:00 x 22 tires. Full specifications and details may be obtained on this axle in the December issue of COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL, page 82.



Federal's new heavy-duty Model 65M2. It is equipped with a 2-speed axle and is available in five wheelbases. G.v.w. is 30,000 lb. and gross train rating is 60,000 lb.

"PUTTING THE HEAT ON" The most modern tech-Write for Your Copy of niques are employed in heatthe latest Catalog treating US Axles. It's this important step that makes them so tough and "puts the heat" on axle failures. Combine proper heat treating with correct design, best alloy steels, accurate machining, rigid inspections, and you get better-thanever axle replacements. Get US Axles from your Jobber.

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The heavy duty transmission has five forward speeds with a .788 overdrive and a first speed ratio of 6.37 to 1. Third, fourth and fifth speed is sustained by wide face helical constant mesh gears. Shifting is accomplished by means of a special jaw clutch design.

Standard Equipment

Standard equipment includes a 12-volt electrical system utilizing two 6-volt 19plate batteries connected in a series, mounted one on each step-plate. The generator which is belt driven, has a capacity of 325 watts and is equipped with a voltage regulator. Sealed beam head lamps with foot dimmer switch, stop and tail lights are provided, as well as an automatic hood light. The under hood light illuminates the oil filler, dip stick and fuse block and is particularly advantageous for night servicing. There are multiple wiring circuits leading to an easily accessible junction block under the hood with a fuse for each circuit, including three spares.

Heavy duty Westinghouse air brakes are standard, operating through a newly developed treadle application valve having oversize air passages for quick application. The unit is equipped with a 12-cu. ft. belt-driven compressor having ample air storage capacity. Front wheels are controllable by limiting valve. This makes it possible to regulate brake application of front wheels on slippery or icy surfaces. The emergency brake is a four-shoe, 16-in. Tru-Stop mounted on the transmission.

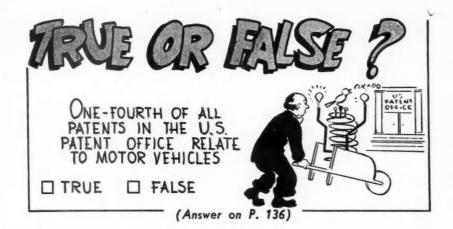
ed on the transmission.

WHO DID IT?

ANSWER ... (To Question on P. 130)

With the thousands of American military trucks in China during the war, an intense need arose for a better understanding of the names of parts. Marmon-Herrington, therefore, in 1944, sponsored a Chinese-English automotive dictionary showing the Chinese terms for truck nomenclature. The book was compiled and edited by Calvin C. Chang.

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OVERCHARGE . . .

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during this process—enough to actually push the positive plate terminal strap upward. This, of course, raises the positive side of the cell cover. At the same time, the opposite sides of the positive plates are raised until, finally, they will be pushed up and will short on the negative plate strap. This is what happened to the plate shown in Fig. 3.

By the time the cell covers begin to raise, the battery is in bad condition and will not have very much additional life in it. It may provide some additional life if it is treated carefully and the overcharging con-

dition eliminated.

Detecting Overcharging

OF COURSE, the overcharging condition should be eliminated before the batery has become so damaged. Watching the vehicle dash ammeter and periodically checking the battery state of charge will quickly tell you if the battery is being overcharged. With a fully charged battery, the battery charging rate should be low. If it is high, the battery is being overcharged.

Another evidence of battery overcharge is excessive water consumption. Thus, if a battery requires considerable water each time the gravity reading is taken, then it is good evidence that the battery is being badly

overcharged.

Suppose you find that the charging rate is high even though the battery is in a charged condition. This must be corrected as soon as possible since the battery will not stand up under this type of operation very long.

As a first step in correcting the condition, find out whether the overcharge is being caused by troubles in the generator or regulator, or by

temperature.

Normally, as the battery comes up to charge, the voltage regulator begins to cut down the charging rate so that overcharging is prevented. However, if the battery is at high temperature, it will act as though it is only partly charged even though it is in a fully charged condition. The regulator will, therefore, permit the charging rate to remain excessively high.

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tery peculiarity, many electrical equipment manufacturers usually specify a lower voltage regulator setting when high temperature battery overcharge is experienced. Thus, on Delco-Remy regulators, the voltage setting of the voltage regulator in 6-volt systems may be reduced to 7.1 volts and on 12-volt systems to 14.1 volts. If such voltage reductions are made during hot weather, the voltage

settings should again be increased to the standard specified settings at the onset of cold weather since reduced settings combined with low temperatures may result in run-down batteries.

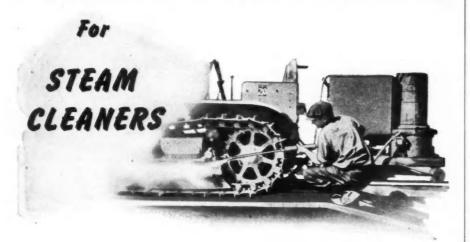
If overcharge is not due to high temperature, then a simple check may be made to determine whether it is resulting from defects in the generator or in the regulator. With the generator operating at medium speed so that the high charging rate is being obtained, disconnect the lead from the "F" or FIELD terminal of the regulator. If the output remains high, the trouble is in the generator; if the output drops off, the trouble is in the regulator, probably due to a high voltage setting or to some internal regulator defect such as a short or ground or an open winding.

Thus, if the battery man finds that a battery is requiring excessive water each time he checks it and that it is receiving a high charging rate even though it is fully charged, a little intelligent analysis and possibly some service to the regulator or generator will go far toward allowing the battery to give its full measure of life.

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TRIAD COMPOUNDS



Triad steam cleaner compounds eliminate "limed-up" clogged coils and nozzles which impair the efficiency of steam cleaning equipment of the flash boiler type. Expensive cleaning compounds are not essential.

Water control, so necessary in hard water localities, is built into Triad compounds. Additional water softeners are unnecessary.

Two different Triad cleaners—both 100% water-soluble—are recommended for use with all types of steam cleaning equipment. Triad 66 is for heavy-duty cleaning and paint stripping, while Triad B is specified for light or medium cleaning and for use with non-ferrous metals.

GUARANTEED PERFORMANCE—all Triad cleaners are shipped on a guaranteed performance basis for thorough tests.



TRAINING STUDY AVAILABLE

The increased emphasis on the human factor in modern industrial relations is reflected in a new report, "Training Supervisors in Human Relations," which has just been issued by the Policyholders Service Bureau of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

The study, which is designed to assist business organizations in developing supervisory skill in human relations, is based on the practices of 39 companies which have developed training programs and on the points of view of specialists in this field.

Pointing out that no matter how technically proficient they may be, supervisors or foremen are doing only half their job if they haven't developed a skill in human relations, the report emphasizes the fundamental principle that supervisors must possess the "know-how" in working with people.

There are outlined the initial steps in formulating a training program—selecting the training personnel, defining their duties, and setting up training policies. In addition to reviewing these steps, the report offers an analysis of the types of course given, their relationship to other forms of training, the duration of the program and certain techniques of the procedure.

Appended to the report are a training program proposal, a training outline, and a case study used in a conference.

A limited supply of the report is available for executives. Requests should be addressed to the Policyholders Service Bureau, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Madison Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

TRUE OR FALSE?

ANSWER ... (To Question on P. 135)

True, accoring to statements by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association.

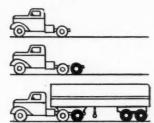
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- 9 Engineered, proven FEATURES of Trucktor Tandem Trailer Units
- Permanent alignment of axles under all conditions
 —and for entire life of unit.
- Rubber-Mounted, Full Floating Springs independent of braking forces, prevent frame distortion.
- Rubber-Mounted "Y" Shaped Torque Arm absorbs braking shock; lengthens tire life; reduces gasoline consumption.
- Silent Spring Slipper Ends—maintain constant tension, eliminate noise.
- 5. Spring Slide Black—designed to reduce wear.
- Springs Mounted Directly Under Trough Type Frame—eliminate outboard bending; permit wider frame; give greater design latitude; lower center of gravity.
- 7. Six Point Frame Support—distributes load and braces frame.
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Dodge Making Changes

BEFORE the war, the output of c.o.e. models by Dodge Truck Div., Chrysler Corp., represented 4 per cent of total production, distributed among the following models and ratings:

WFM — 35 — 37 — 38 — 13,500 g.v.w.

WHM — 45 — 47 — 48 — 15,-000 g.v.w. WFMA — 35 — 37 — 38 — 14,-000 g.v.w.

WHMA — 45 — 47 — 48 — 48 — 48 — 16,000 g.v.w.

Although the same setup of models and ratings will be continued for 1947 production, Dodge is making some interesting changes. For one thing, there will be an improvement in maintenance by providing more accessibility for mechanical inspection under the cab. Too, there will be provision for driver comfort, ease of steering, and improved engine

performance. A detailed statement of exactly what will be done is given below:

"Cab seat improved by use of better upholstery and better pads. The seat cushion will be air bound, with a solid steel panel on the bottom which traps the air which would ordinarily be displaced under heavy impacts on the cushion thus preventing the cushion from bottoming. The volume of the air trapped can be controlled by a manually-operated valve in the panel.

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Chevrolet's 1947 Line

A CCORDING to the Chevrolet Central Office, division of General Motors Corp., the prewar Chevrolet line included c.o.e. models built in three wheelbases having a rating of 13,500 lb. g.v.w. and nominally classified as 1½-ton trucks. A similar line of c.o.e.'s will be available

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The first International heavy-duty "Western" model rolls off the assembly line at International Harvester's new Emeryville, Cal., Works. R. M. Buzard, western district manager (right), is shown congratulating works manager A. W. Engstrom



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for 1947 production but the details and specifications of these will not be available until after manufacturing operations have been resumed.

Ford's 1947 Line

FORD MOTOR CO. produced the following c.o.e. models before the war:

*101-in. WM—C.O.E. Chassis with Cab—13,500 g.v.w.

*134-in. WM—C.O.E. Chassis with Cab—13,500 g.v.w.

*158-in. WB—C.O.E. Chassis with Cab—13,500 g.v.w.

*15,000 g.v.w. with 2-speed axle and 8.25x20 10-ply dual rear tires.

Ford intends to include c.o.e. models in the 1947 truck line but has no specifications data to offer now.

Neither the Nash Motors Div., Nash-Kelvinator Corp., nor Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., contemplates production of c.o.e. models in current program, although it is of interest that Willys built a c.o.e. panel delivery vehicle just before the war.

Ward LaFrance Truck Div., Great American Industries, Inc., express themselves as being fully aware of the importance of c.o.e. models in a balanced line of heavy duty vehicles and intend to have something to offer when their current problems are out of the way. However, under present conditions the company says definitely that no c.o.e.'s will be available during 1946, owing to the pent-up demand for their regular line.

Walter Continues Line

WALTER Motor Truck Co., well-known producers of heavy-duty tractor-trucks and snow fighters, will continue the manufacture of its standard line of models which remain the same as heretofore, the setup being as follows:

FZM-24,000 g.v.w.

FC-32,000 g.v.w.

FBG-32,000 g.v.w.

FGR-42,000 g.v.w.

AGV—70.000 g.v.w.—off highway. AWV — 70,000 g.v.w.— off high-

way.

AWU-42,000 g.v.w.

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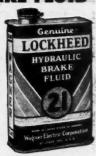
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However, these models have higher output engines and are designed for higher average road speed operation than before.

Marmon - Herrington Co., Inc., draws attention to the fact that they have never built c.o.e. models in their regular line of specialized heavy duty vehicles. The only c.o.e. jobs built by them are the Ford conversions to the M-H All-Wheel-Drive.

Confidential Data

THIS brings us to the reports from the group of producers who provided information as to their future plans but asked us to keep the returns confidential owing to the uncertainty of their program under current operating conditions. This stand is quite reasonable considering the wave of strikes within the indus-

try and among the suppliers of raw materials and parts, all of which combined to retard new vehicle designs and completely upset production planning.

A complete digest of the reports submitted by this group will be found in Table 1. While it would have been of much more value if the names of manufacturers could have been used, nevertheless, Table 1 is useful in gaging the trend of thinking and planning, gives the fleetman some pretty tangible evidence on which to base his future buying program.

Let us consider some of these returns. Here is manufacturer "A," whose volume of c.o.e. represented 40 per cent of his total output and who intends to continue substantially the same setup of models. Manufacturer "B," on the other hand, whose c.o.e.'s represented 10 per cent of his output, with 14 models, may not produce any c.o.e.'s this year. Manufacturer "J" who did not build c.o.e. before the war evidently has plans to get into the swim in 1947.

It is of interest to find that producers "F," 'K," and "L" plan to increase the g.v.w. ratings of their line for 1947. In the case of "F" the maximum rating of 25,000 lb. will be extended to 28,000 lb.; "K" is going to 36,000 lb.; while "L" will stretch the coverage from 1½-ton to 5-ton, whereas the prewar maximum was a 3-ton model.

Equally noteworthy are comments which give the clue to improvements in the offing. Consider, for example, the boost in driver comfort, easier maintenance, and special features to be offered by "A." Significantly the same kind of features are being emphasized in the reports from "F" and "K." Manufacturer "G" considers his job to be perfectly adequate with respect to the other items but will offer bigger engines for 1947.

Company "N," one of the prominent producers in the field, with two to three per cent of prewar volume represented by c.o.e.'s, advises that

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because of the small demand before the war and the urgent need for maximum production of conventional models in the near future, the manufacture of c.o.e. models has been discontinued temporarily. This company is unable to say when production will be resumed. What Fleetmen May Expect

LOOKING behind the scenes, it is possible to gather a pretty good picture of what fleetmen may expect in the near future. It is clear that some companies are going to great lengths to improve driver comfort along the following lines:

1. By improving the suspension of the entire vehicle.

2. By improving the cab suspension.

- 3. By the adoption of more comfortable seats.
- 4. By making controls more accessible
- 5. By making the steering easier. In addition, some of them intend to give the driver real shirt-sleeve comfort no matter what the outside temperature is. This comes from the development of cab heating and ventilating systems which give a nice, even compartment temperature in winter without frosting or clouding of windshield or side windows, despite rain or snow or sleet. In summer, the same system gives pressure air circulation that should make things quite comfortable. We have seen the details of several systems of this kind in recent weeks.

Obviously, engineers have not been satisfied with the accessibility of powerplants. Many companies are taking steps to improve accessibility for inspection and for maintenance operations, thus promising to reduce operating costs.

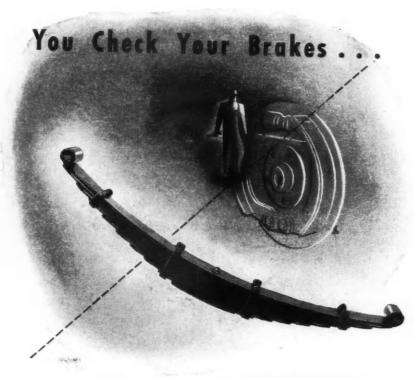
Finally the c.o.e.'s will profit by the advancement in conventional models expected in the near future. Prominent among such features will be the adoption of higher output engines aiming at faster acceleration and higher road speeds. Too, you can expect lines with greater g.v.w. ratings and a wider selection of wheelbase.

Whether or not these improvements will increase the demand for c.o.e.'s is something for fleetmen to decide. But in any event, fleetmen can look forward to equipment with superior mechanical features and an entirely new concept of comfort for the driver.

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Production of Chevrolet trucks, rapidly being increased to meet the vital needs of users of commercial vehicles, is under way in plants of the Chevrolet motor division, General Motors Corp. This is the last step on one of the assembly lines, with two workers making a final inspection while a third puts water in the radiator



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Builds Portable Engine Stand
A BOUT two years ago, April, 1944,
William Kuehling, our chief engine mechanic, built a substantial
portable engine stand to speed up
and facilitate the various phases of
engine overhauling. The engine stand
frame is made from angle iron—
scrap material picked up around the

garage. All joints are welded. Mr. Kuehling built the unit in approximately 24 hours, total labor time. It is on mounted rollers and can be moved easily to any point desired.

As the accompanying pictures show, the workman can perform every part of the job quickly, easily, and more efficiently. For example, the mechanic first places the engine in position on the stand with a chain hoist. One end of the chain hooks into a heavy screw-eye put temporarily in top center of engine block

for this purpose. When mounted in proper position, the block is held in place in the frame by a bolt at each end, near the top. The mechanic can then turn the engine to any desired position. It operates on a swivel. A crank is used to turn the engine into the position he wants for the various operations.

He grinds the valves and assembles them with the block in an upright position. Next, he turns the block on its side to install pistons and rings, then turns it upside down to install bearings, crankshaft, oil pump and pan. Then he turns block back with valves up, and installs head and manifold. Heads are refaced in the meantime, in order to make a tight contact with the gasket.

But let me explain here, before the head is assembled, the mechanic cleans the water jacket thoroughly to remove all scale, and puts in new soft plugs to avoid future trouble on the road. The cleaning job is done by dipping the entire unit into a cleaner tank of 220 gal. of cleaning solvent. The chain hoist is used for easy handling. He uses an air hose in the solvent to agitate it. This method cleans the block inside and out in about three hours. Then he washes unit with hose and water. This method saves the difference between three hours now required for cleaning, and a full day the old way.



A FTER the engine is assembled, it is painted dark gray. Next, the mechanic installs a radiator on front end of the stand (using only four bolts), and an instrument board on the other end. He then starts the engine running on the stand.

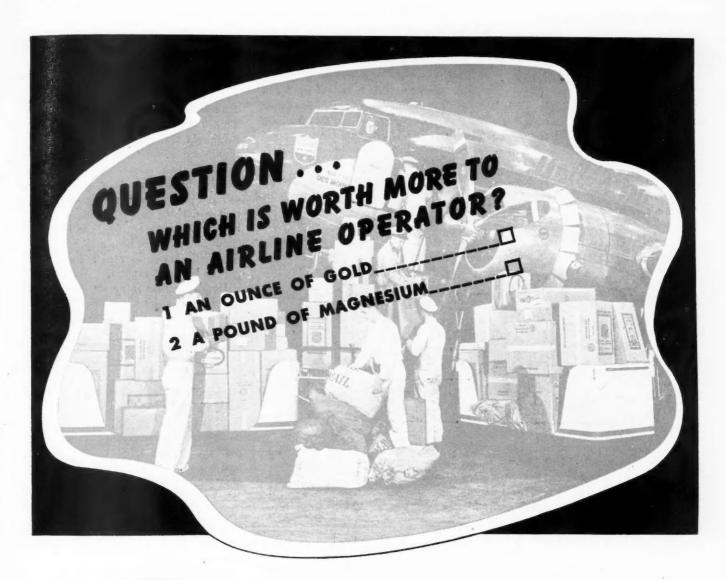
This stand also serves as a blocktester. After running the engine 18 to 20 hours, it is checked for compression. The carburetor is adjusted with a gasoline analyzer, and the governor is set (with a tachometer) to turn over 2600 r.p.m.

After the final block-testing job is okay, the engine is mounted on a dolly and kept in stock until it is needed. Thus, the engine does not require any breaking-in on the road.

The advantages gained by this method are many, but the big factors are fewer premature breakdowns on the road, due to fast driv-

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ing during the breaking-in period, and improved driver relations.

We keep this plan flexible. For example, any one of the rebuilts can be shipped out to the point of breakdown, or, rather, nearest garage where it is waiting for installation. Or, we can install it in some other

unit ready for overhauling here in our main terminal, where all major overhauling is done.

Under this extra-engine program, no tractor or truck is laid up for a period of more than 24 hours labor time. In other words, in that interim, the engine is changed, transmission and rear-end assembly overhauled, and the units ready for the route within 24 hours. Extra transmissions and rear ends also are carried in stock for quick use.

Road Failures Cut 65%

WE AIM to keep three extra engines on hand for one type of truck, three extras for another, and one extra engine for each of two other models, or an average total of eight. This keeps the fleet running with a minimum of idle time per unit, and eliminated about 65 per cent of the mechanical troubles that caused road failures before this plan was adopted; the present ones are mostly of a minor nature, and we can send a mechanic out to repair them on the spot. Should there be a major breakdown, the unit is towed into the garage here for repairs.

Here's another thing we do which has helped a lot to reduce engine maintenance costs. Under the old method, if a valve grinding job appeared necessary, we would do it right in the truck rather than pull the engine out. The percentage of road failures under that plan, however, was high. We found that other trouble soon developed, and it would be only a short time until we had to pull the engine anyway. Now, we find it pays to pull it out in the first place and rebuild it completely. This job, greatly facilitated by the engine stand, includes overhauling generator, starter, distributor, governor, installing new main and rod bearings, new wrist-pins, new rings or a reboring job with new oversize pistons and rings, and to grind the crankshaft if necessary.

As this method makes everything just like new, we find that it puts from 125,000 to 130,000 new miles back into the engine. In fact, we can say that our blocks, after 130,000 miles will show only about .0025 in. taper and crankshafts approximately .0015 in. wear.

This result, which means the elimination of approximately one major overhaul between the present average of 130,000 miles, has been possible also from the care each motor is given during its life. One thing, for example, we use an additive detergent in the oil, continually during the life of the engine, and crankcase oil is changed at regular intervals of 2000 miles; filter cartridges are changed at same time. We seldom have trouble with sticky rings or hydraulic valve lifters on engines.

Besides the major overhauling, we have a separate department for minor (TURN TO PAGE 154, PLEASE)





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repairing and engine tune-ups. Here is one phase of this service that is profitable. When a unit comes in from a trip, the mechanic listens to the driver's story, and fixes up whatever minor trouble is reported. While the truck is there, he checks the carburetor, ignition, clutch pedal and even adjusts brakes if necessary.

Check-Out Station

A NOTHER example of extra checking, which saves money by locating possible trouble before it happens, is having the loaded trailers driven through the check-out station in the main garage building. Here all tires are inspected for pressure, exterior injuries, brakes lined up and thoroughly inspected before the unit goes out on the road. Oil levels and water are checked. Lights, route certificates, fire extinguishers, flashlight,

flares, and similar items are checked. Special care is taken to check bad tires on trailers, and to adjust slack in brakes. While these major items were checked in the yard while truck was being loaded, they are checked again, as indicated above, when they come through.

If these double-checks appear to be too super duper, we can only answer that it pays in the elimination of road failures. Since adopting this double-check inspection program, an appreciable increase in tire mileage alone, approximately 30 per cent has resulted on our long-distance hauling units

Blackboard Records Lubes

A NOTHER phase of economical service operations, is a large blackboard mounted on the wall in our greasing department for recording all crankcase oil changes and added oil. This method serves for monthly check-ups and for permanent records. Take for example, truck No. 237, listed on top row. We see at a glance how much oil this unit used during the month, and how much on a crankcase change. The chart shows we used a total of 12 quarts, including one oil change on this unit, and up to the third of October of the next month, one quart was

This board enables us to keep an accurate check-up on amount of oil each truck uses, then we transfer these records to permanent sheets which can be used for data for case history of each unit later.

These checks are incentives to service men to keep engines properly serviced with oil. When oil consumption goes up too high, the engine is scheduled promptly for an overhaul. The last column on the board shows the number of quarts used in previous month, and the one with the highest total is the first to be rebuilt.

Employ Standard PM

W E EMPLOY and follow a standard PM schedule.

When inspections show the need of repainting, we send it into the paint shop. Regardless of age, the unit is given four coats. We figure that well-painted trucks get more favorable attention, and that it is good advertising well worth the cost, as

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well as adds life to the truck. We use the spray method.

We have a special lighting arrangement in the paint shop. For example, there are eight 300-watt explosion-proof lamps in reflectors, spaced properly around the paint shop to focus the lights on the job to eliminate shadows on all sides. Jim Peterson is foreman of this department.

While a complete stock of fan belts, gaskets, rings, pistons and bearings, in fact everything necessary to rebuild engines, is carried in that department, major equipment such as drill presses, an arbor press, a forge and battery charging unit, along with stocks of relined brake shoes, is located on same end of building, with a driving entrance between.

Large Stock Carried

THE main stock room, however, is located well in the central section of main building, and occupies two floors. Here large stocks of truck and general supplies are carried, and in charge of Waldo A. DeLand, formerly a captain on the Great Lakes Freight lines, for some 45 years. Captain DeLand keeps a card index file for every item, of which there are thousands-lamp bulbs from the smallest size to 1000 watt units-lanterns, colored globes, welding and burning outfits, soap and so on. Large supplies of fire extinguishers are checked frequently. This was never done before except by drivers.

There are mechanical jacks from 10 to 20 tons capacity, and hydraulic loading jacks from 100 to 150 tons, besides rigging and erecting equipment for the heavy-type moving trucks. Captain DeLand keeps a perpetual inventory, and when any item is taken out of stock for use, or loaned to some one in the organization, it is charged to the individual or department, and credited back to



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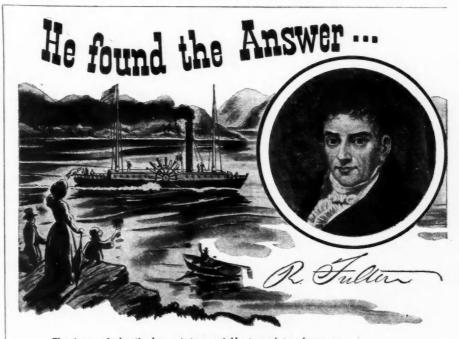
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due for the job. A typical entry would be, "Change oil every 1500 miles at 69,874" or Drain Trans. and Diff. every 15,000 miles at 98,467."

Below the Service Operations card is the truck's individual Gas-Oil-Miles Record card, which covers a 13-week period. Columns are provided for a record of odometer reading, gas intake, oil intake, and oil drained.

These two cards always remain on the board, except the Service Operations card (Fig. 2) which is removed if a truck leaves our Los Angeles shop for any length of time, and placed in a rack in the cab of the truck. It then becomes the driver's responsibility to keep check on when the truck is due for its next lubrication job, according to the Service Operations card. The card is returned to the lube board when the truck

comes home at the end of the run.

At the end of the day, when the entries have been taken from the master Gas-Oil-Miles card kept at the gas pump and transferred to the proper individual trucks' Gas-Oil-Miles Record cards on the lube board, the lubrication man checks the odometer reading of the truck, as shown on the truck's Gas-Oil-Miles card, against the Service Operations card entries showing the odometer reading at which the next job becomes due.

Center of PM Program

THE lube board, thus tipping us off when the next lubrication job be comes due, forms the nerve center of our maintenance program, as we tie in our three major inspections with the regular lubrication.

At 1500 miles we do the lubrication job, change the oil and give the truck a general inspection. At 3000 miles we again perform the 1500mile procedure and, in addition, do a motor tune-up. At 15,000 miles, both the 1500- and 3000-mile services are repeated, plus a large scale overhaul job including such work as removal of wheels, repacking, and change of oil in transmission and differential. This means that in every 15,000 miles one of our trucks travels, our lube board tips us off as to the proper time for five motor tuneups and 10 lubrications and inspections.

It is the responsibility of all specialists to check the board every day. The lube man, as has been explained, can tell when the truck is ready for its regular 1500-mile lubrication. The motor man can tell, by looking at the oil consumption as shown on the individual Gas-Oil-Miles Record card, when a truck is consuming too many quarts of oil and, consequently, should have an engine overhaul.

A great time saver is the fact that all of the specialists—motor tune-up man, brake man, motor rebuilding, tire, chassis and body men—in making their daily checks, can approximate the number of trucks due for each of the three major inspections and, therefore, plan their work accordingly, and have the proper equipment and parts on hand. This is essential as we do all of our own maintenance work, except for repainting and recapping.

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Few Minutes' Work Daily

ON THE surface, the job of keeping the lube board up to date appears to be an enormous task but, actually, it is not, for every vehicle does not necessarily stop in at the garage every day. Thus, what would seem to be a tremendous bookkeeping job is only a few minutes' work a day.

The lube man is responsible for keeping the data current, and for keeping tabs on the figures showing when a truck is due for a lube job. He makes his notations at the end of each day, putting on the board the information accumulated during the day by the gas man.

We made the board but purchased the tin racks from a local tinsmith.

A metal plate is used for the Service Operations card principally because it is more durable. As explained, these cards occasionally

stand rough treatment, as they are removed from the lube board and placed in the cab of the truck whenever the truck leaves the Los Angeles shop's jurisdiction for any length of time.

To take care of any trouble that develops while a truck is out of the garage, we have a Motor Car Report (Fig. 3) which the driver files at the end of his run. This report, . however, is not placed on the lube board to be picked up by the motor man on his daily check of the board. but is put on a separate board directly in the motor repair department. We have found that putting any additional forms on the lube board would clutter it to the point of affecting its simplicity. These Motor Car Reports must be followed through every day and the job completed, if possible, by the next day so that no time is lost in laid-up trucks.

Our tire man keeps a separate set of records.

Provides Long-Range Check

IN ADDITION to the daily check which the lube board gives us on the status of our fleet, it also affords a long-range check. Each 13 weeks, the Gas-Oil-Miles Record cards are replaced with new ones. The completed ones, when removed from the board, are sent to the office for tabulation on a Thirteen-Week Report sheet.

This report lists the total consumption per vehicle of gasoline and oil; the total oil drained out of the motor; and the total mileage of the truck for the period. Each of these columns is then added to give a grand total for the fleet of miles traveled, gallons of gas consumed, quarts of oil used, and quarts of oil drained. The average miles per gallon, and miles per quart of oil for the fleet is tabulated and these figures are used as a control for performance records of individual trucks.

This report also shows the average cost of fuel for the fleet and the actual cost for each unit. Our trucks use about 500 gal. a day, averaging eight miles per gallon.

Our 10 years' experience with the lube board has assured regularity of maintenance procedure, and has given us a good check on our fleet.

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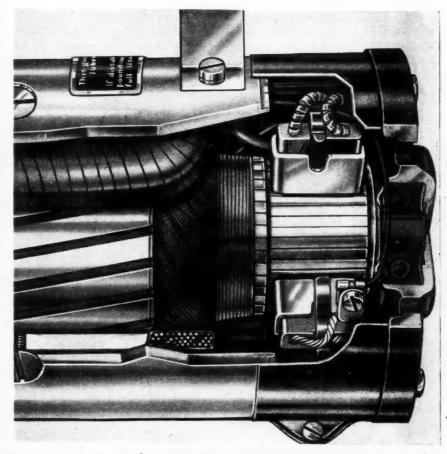
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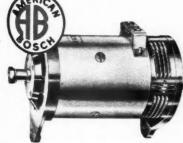
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of the structure, in a walled-off space, 48 ft. x 96 ft. Paralleling that of a first-class fleet maintenance shop, its equipment includes late-type power tools and testing devices for practically all usual—and many less-common—automotive reconditioning operations.

As an integrated part of the school's

learn-to-do-by-doing policy, teen-age trainees are taught, under competent supervision, the proper use and care of tools. And they learn to make "trouble tests" and to disassemble and reassemble the various units in vehicles of varied types. As parts are removed, they are cleaned up, inspected and, if necessary, replaced with new.

Not long ago, the writer followed a second-year class through a complete engine overhaul. The engine was removed from the chassis, swung onto a stand and disassembled. Carbon was cleaned out, valves and seats were reconditioned, and new pistons, rings and bearings fitted. During the different phases of the work, the students were taught the practical use of various testing apparatus and power tool items.

Included in the equipment employed were an electrically-operated valve refacer and a reseater, a torque wrench, and all the precision testing devices for checking the job, at each step. Among them were compression, vacuum, cylinder dial, valve seat and feeler gages, micrometers and a connecting rod aligner.

In addition, the school has wheel balancing and front-end aligning apparatus, a cylinder honer, a pin hole grinder, motor analyzing and distributor checking equipment, a 6-ft. lathe and a hydraulic hoist.

Besides major apparatus items, an exceedingly well-arranged tool room contains all the small tools ordinarily needed for any repair or overhaul job on passenger cars and light trucks.

The sides of this room mount a continuous tool board, on which the place for each item is painly indicated. First, the tool itself was outlined on the board with pencil. The outline then was filled in with black paint. Not even the "greenest" student can miss finding the right location for each tool.

However, the trainees take turns in serving as tool keeper. Tools are issued on a simple check system, and must be returned clean and in good condition, at the end of each school session.

Shop and Classroom

STUDENT instruction is divided into two classifications: 1. Shop Practice and 2. Related Subjects. The latter consists of classroom work, closely tied in with what the student learns in the shop. Among the subjects covered are English, mathematics, mechanical drawing, blueprint reading and science. The teaching of these subjects has been streamlined to exclude everything, except what the trainee actually needs to know in connection with the trade he is learning.

In English, he learns shop phraseology—how to spell and use correctly, commonly-employed shop terms (TURN TO PAGE 164, PLEASE)





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and to write a simple, clear-cut business letter. Mathematics includes the shop application of geometry and arithmetic. The coverage in mechanical drawing is far from a complete course but enough is taught to enable the student to express a mechanical idea by means of an easily understandable sketch. Science confines it-

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self pretty well to basic principles, such as those of internal combustion powering and automotive electricity.

Combined with classroom instruction is a "visual aid" program. This consists of motion pictures and projected "stills". Some of the material shown is the property of the school, while some is borrowed. For example, the writer saw a film loaned by a tool manufacturer. The subject covered was the correct use of the more commonly employed shop tools -hammers of different types, cold

chisels, hack saws, metal drills and the like. The school has a small but well-equipped theater for the showing of instructional films and slides.

Classes alternate, spending onehalf the school day in the shop and the other half in the classroom.

Trainees Carefully Screened

TO BE eligible for vocational training, the prospective student must be at least 15 years old (cut back, at the outbreak of the war, from 16) and must have completed the 9th grammar grade or its equivalent. Prospective trainees are carefully screened to determine their probable fitness for the vocation they want to learn. If accepted, they undergo a three-weeks' probationary period in their chosen course before being permanently enrolled in it.

A course, in any trade taught, runs for either a two-year or a three-year enrollment. The former, if satisfactorily completed, entitles the trainee to a Trade Certificate. The longer course qualifies him for a high school diploma. During his third year, he may gain wider shop-practice experience in his elected course, supplemented by advanced classroom work. Or, as an alternative, he may take instruction in a trade associated with the one he has been learning.

Among offered courses of this kind are machine shop, electric generator and motor maintenance and repair, diesel engine servicing and acetylene welding.

The automotive course trainee, whose objective is a Trade Certificate, and whose grades are sufficiently good, may, at the beginning of his fourth semester (half year), take up training in an "associated" trade. He may, for example, enroll for instruction in machine shop work or for electric generator repair. The latter course, in its earlier coverage, majors on automotive generator testing and reconditioning. Credit for the work in an extra subject will be noted on the student's Trade Certificate.

Subjects in Automotive Course WORKING schedules have been carefully planned. First year automotive subjects, in the order of their introduction, include: Shop layout, tools and equipment; wheels, rims and tires; front axles; springs, shock absorbers and wheel suspen-(TURN TO PAGE 166, PLEASE)





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sion; steering gears; rear axles; brakes; universals and propeller shafts; clutches and transmissions.

Each of these groupings are divided into types and, then, broken down into detailed operations. For example, there are 57 of the latter on the job sheet for one type of steering gear, alone.

Second year subjects cover engines, carburetion, fuel feed, and all branches of automotive electricity, including battery testing and maintenance.

In connection with their instruction program, trainees are taught to use manufacturers' maintenance handbooks, general shop manuals and other reference material, such as trade publications. Periodic "exams" and "quiz sessions" serve to fix mechanical detail in students' minds. "Progress Charts" record the ad-

vancement of the individual trainees.

The names of trainees in each class are listed in a wide column, at the left of the form. A series of narrower columns are headed up with the various work assignments each student must complete. An "X" in one of these columns, opposite the trainee's name, indicates that he has finished that particular "job assignment." From this chart the instructor can tell, at a glance, the progress of the class, as a whole, and of each member.

Some work assignments are individual, while others are carried out by two or more students, working as a "team." Thus, the trainee learns to work, alone, and to coordinate his effort with that of others.

Actual Work Done

WHEN the course was inaugurated, the "laboratory specimens" used by trainees for shop practice consisted of two stripped chasses, part of the school's regular equipment, and "junkers" supplied by new and used car dealers. Later, members of the school's sizable teaching staff began to bring in their personal cars for routine maintenance operations.

Finding that lubrications, valvereconditionings and kingpin renewals were properly done, teachers were encouraged to try out the skill of these embryo mechanics on more extensive repairs. In this way, trainees have the opportunity to gain experience on later model cars than the "antiques" they, formerly, worked on.

Fleetmen Pleased

H OW do these school-trained teenagers prove up in fleet shops? Fleet shop managers who have given them a trial report that they are highly pleased with the results obtained. One Miami fleet superintendent had two Tech. High trainees working for him but lost them ("regretfully," he said) to the Armed Services.

Two other fleet men have sent their sons to the school. One of them has two youngsters taking second year training there now, and employs them in his shop on a part-time basis. The son of the second fleet manager graduated but joined the Merchant Marine, shortly afterward. Accord(TURN TO PAGE 168, PLEASE)



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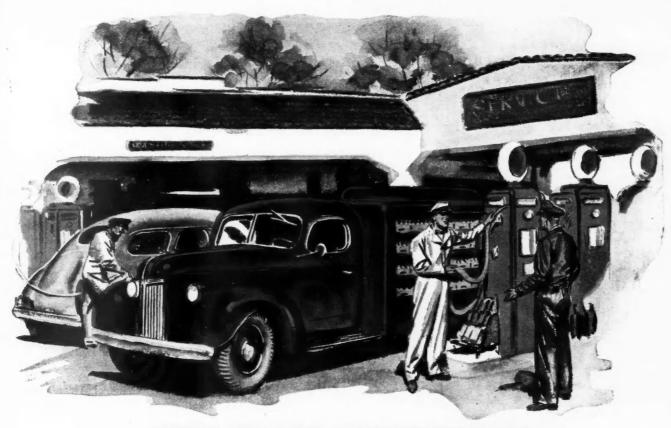
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ing to his father, a supplementary diesel engine course the lad took has helped him in getting rapid promotion.

Placement Record

THE school has a placement record on about 18 of its automotive course students, who have taken jobs, full or part-time, in fleet shops or in other branches of the automotive repair trade. This is a low score, as compared with trainee employment in other trades—electrical shops, for example.

One reason for this situation seems to be that the automotive course was established only a short time before the war when broad-scale induction and voluntary enlistment of its graduates and partly-trained students began. Another cause for low placement appears to be an under-valuation, on the part of some fleet managers, of this source for recruiting "junior mechanics."

The employment record for motorgenerator course trainees shows a much different picture. Practically, every electrical repair shop in the city offers a warm welcome to students of this course—graduate or under graduate, full or part time.

One motor-generator repair shop has taken a total of 12. Placement has been made, too, with battery and refrigeration-service firms and with automotive electrical specialty shops. The demand far exceeds the supply. In fact, the school has an employer waiting - list for electrical course trainees.

When a student makes his arrangement for part-time employment through the school's placement office, his instructor keeps in touch with the quality of his workmanship by periodic contact with the employer. If the report is good, the trainee is credited on the school records with "shop time," equal to the number of hours he is employed. Thus, he acquires actual working experience under conditions where his productive effort is evaluated in terms of wages paid, rather than in grades on a report card.

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The Pay Rate

THE pay rate for automotive course students runs from \$10 a week, for part time, to a high of \$50, in one instance, for full employment. The average is \$20 to \$25.

Electrical course trainees' pay ranges from \$10-\$12, part time, to a high of \$32.50 for full time. Here, again, the average is \$20 to \$25.

These figures show only what wages trainees received while still in school or shortly after leaving. Two electrical course graduates now employed in an automotive electrical shop are getting \$1 and \$1.10 per hour, respectively.

The cost of conducting the Miami vocational program is borne, collectively, by the County, State of Florida and the Federal Government. Not only does the Government contribute to the running expenses, such as instructors' salaries, but, also, it has donated needed equipment to an approximate value of \$300,000 for use in the various courses given. In addition, local and other hotelmen's associations have given generously for equipment employed in a hotel service course, included in the school's curriculum. Hotels maintain a permanent waiting list for "service" trainees.

Most States Have Trade Schools

NEARLY, every state in the Union has some form of trade training. New York State, according to a Vocational School Directory published by the U. S. Office of Education, has vocational training schools in 14 cities. New York City, alone, conducts 13. Pennsylvania operates them in 27 cities. California, however, seems to top the list with trade schools in 38 cities.

Some schools divide their automotive repair instruction to provide special courses in such subjects as body and fender work, auto painting and automotive electricity. Five California cities, including Los Angeles and Oakland, offer a special course in the last named subject. Several schools, among them Santa Inez, Cal., give automotive painting

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instruction. Schools in nine cities, including Duluth, Cleveland and Richmond (Va.) conduct a body and fender course.

The coming of the war and the consequent labor shortage developed a need for adult trade training, especially, for personnel to keep the wheels of automotive transportation turning over. Some schools—Miami's, for example—already had provision for training grown-ups. Where such courses existed, their scope was broadened. Where no training source was available, and the need was apparent, one was set up.

The Texas State Board of Vocational Education sent its automotive repair instructors into the "field" to set up classes in those areas, where the shortage of shop personnel was most critical. In this case, dealer and

fleet shops were used for teaching trainees. Memphis, Tenn., and Roanoke, Va., solved their shop manpower problem by establishing regular schools for broad-scale mechanic and helper training. Similar shop labor "bottlenecks" were broken loose in many other cities, as well.

Much of this war-caused vocational training impetus still remains. And in many fleet maintenance shops a need for good apprentice material, helpers and even for first-line mechanics, exists also. Thus we have a shortage and a ready-made supply source to satisfy it.

"Our philosophy of vocational education," explains P. W. Seagren, principal of Miami's Tech High, "is to meet as nearly as we can, through contact with employers in the different trades, their personnel-training needs." And that expresses, pretty well, the viewpoint of most vocational education directors. For one thing, they aim to make their respective training programs as flexible as possible.

For instance, Miami fleet operators may arrange a special course—carburetor repair, automotive electricity, arc welding or any other pertinent subject—for their shop personnel. The only requirement is a minimum class enrollment of 15 persons. If a single shop cannot provide that number of enrollees, its manager may be able to induce other fleet "bosses" to cooperate in forming a class. And, very likely, a similar arrangement may be made with vocational schools in other cities.

In short, this type of institution appears to offer a genuine "out" to the fleet maintenance superintendent with a shop efficiency or personnel shortage problem to work out. If he has one, he will be well-advised to discuss it with the director of his local school. And, especially, should he visit the teen-age classes and see for himself how effective are the methods for training the fleet mechanics of tomorrow.

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culty from the fact that the small landing gear wheels of loaded trailers would often sink several inches into the ground even on macadam-paved parking lots. When this occurred, either the whole load had to be hand jacked, or the chance taken that the fifth wheels would align sufficiently for the tractor to force the trailer up as it coupled. Sometimes they missed.

The solution came in the form of a slightly convex trough of reinforced concrete at ground level. These troughs are installed wherever trailers are parked in large numbers, and provide adequate footing to assure proper alignment at all time.

It is beyond the scope of this account to give full specifications of these installations inasmuch as local contractors should be consulted for expert advise taking into consideration the climate, type of soil, weather conditions, etc.

Basically, however, the curbing used by Akers Motor Lines, when used in conjunction with $3\frac{1}{2}$ -ft. loading docks, is mounted so that the top of the curved section is 1 ft. above ground level and 2 ft., 8 in. out from the loading dock. A 2-in. drop is allowed for drainage from dock to top of curvature and roundness is determined by most frequently used tire size.

The trough system for landing gear wheels installed at Atlantic States Motor Lines is approximately 1-ft. wide with convex top about 2 in. deep mounted flush with surrounding roadway. Length is, of course, determined by local requirements, but one end should be slightly lower than the other to allow for drainage.

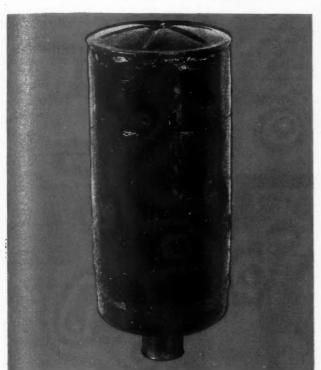
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View of the new Emeryville Works, where International heavy-duty "Western" Trucks of 30,000 to 90,000-lb. gross weight rating are being produced. This plant occupies more than 200,000 sq. ft. of land and will employ 300 men

Diesel Engine DANGER points



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RPM DELO Oil Reduces Filter Clogging Two Ways

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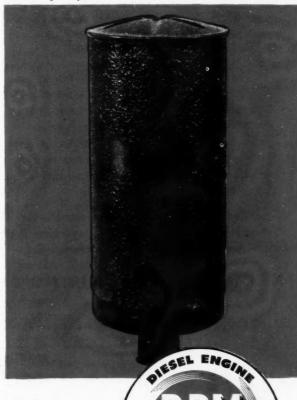
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NEW PRODUCTS

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"Twecotong" is a conventional tong type holder featuring almost indestructible molded-laminated glass cloth Bakelite insulation keyed to the holder casting. Tensioning spring firmly seats on fibre upset washers and is protected from spatter by non-binding Neoprene tubing. Well-ventilated fibre handle, together with good cable connection, assures a cool running holder. All parts are replaceable.

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P326. Sensory Torque Wrenches

The P. A. Sturtevant Co. of Addison, Ill., announces the addition of four new models to its Sensory line of Torque Wrenches. They are as follows: Model S200 having capacity 0 to 200 ft-lb., calibrated in 5-ft-lb. steps; Model S300 having capacity 0 to 300 ft-lb., calibrated in 10-ft-lb. steps; Model S2400-I having capacity 0 to 2400 in-lbs., calibrated in 50 in-lb. steps; Model S3600-I having capacity 0 to 3600 in-lb., calibrated in 100 in-lb. steps. These four models are equipped with 34-in. drive squares.

This wrench permits the measurement

of pre-set torque by sight, sound and feel. When the pre-set torque has been reached, the sensory mechanism sounds a loud and distinct click and imparts a definite strong impulse to the hand. The applied torque can also be read on the dials which are readable from all working angles. Thus, through three senses, sight, sound and feeling, the operator automatically releases, by reflex action, his pull on the wrench (even before the conscious mind reports it) making torque both fast and accurate.

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P327. Barrel Grease Pump

Easier pumping action is said to be assured with the new barrel pump for greases and oils, developed by the Bishman Mfg. Co., Osseo, Minn.

A new type of piston and valve construction is said to provide greater pumping action. It will pump up to three gallons of heavy grease or viscous fluid per minute, and will reach greater capacity with lighter

A positive shut-off valve stops escape of both liquids and vapor. The pump fits both 2- and 11/2-in. barrel openings and rests at a convenient height for filling cans.

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P328. Valve Puller

A new type of valve-loosening device, called the "Easy-Way" Valve Puller, which removes valves by an upward jarring action rather than by a prying operation, is now being manufactured by Associated Producers, Inc., Detroit, Mich.

The device has a 3-lb. hammer which slides on a vertical rod. When the valve is grasped by the pull-plate at the lower end of the device, a few upward strokes of the slide-hammer loosen and pull out the valve, even though it may be packed solid with carbon.

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This is the "Powerench," a new tool developed by the B. K. Sweeney Mfg. Co. of Denver, Col. The new tool employs the power derived from a gear and pivot arrangement to loosen the inner and outer nuts on Budd dual wheels. It is said that one man can remove the tightest nuts with the wrench without the use of a welding torch

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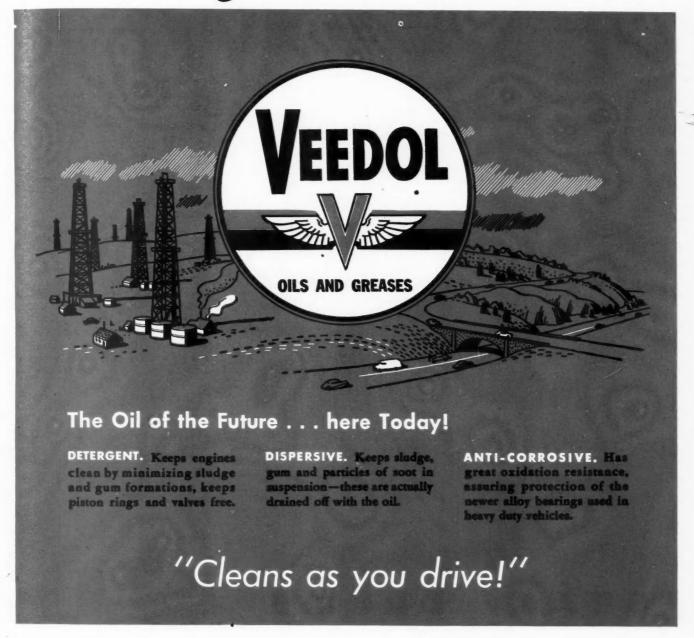
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It is claimed that the "Easy-Way" will loosen the toughest valve in a few seconds. As it pulls the valve straight out instead of at an angle, as with prying devices, danger of bending the stem is effectively eliminated.

The device is 13 in. long, and weighs 41/2 lb. It works on all types of passenger car and nearly all types of truck engines, pulling all sizes of valves up to 134 in.

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P329. Mechanic's Tool Sets

Two specially selected tool sets for war veterans are announced by the Plomb Tool Co. The sets are obtainable free under the Government's Apprentice Training Program, which allows an ex-GI up to \$100 worth of tools when he is approved by the local Veterans Administration office.

Final selection of the tools in each set followed a very careful study of the requirements of apprentice mechanics. They are suggested sets, however, and veterans have the option of making their own tool selections.

One set, retailing at \$100, contains 113

items. Including 34-in. drive sockets and several large wrenches, it is ideal for shops that make both heavy and light repairs. The other set, retailing at \$49.99, contains 60 items. Tools in this set are the ones used most in the average shop, and they will handle practically all of the jobs encountered in the early training period.

Full details on the veterans' procedure for obtaining tools, together with complete descriptions of the two sets offered by Plomb, are contained in Bulletin No. 4624.

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P330. Fog Fire-Fighting Unit

A new fog unit for fire fighting has been developed by Bowser, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Ind. The fog fire fighting units are being built in two models, the only difference being that Model 1030 has a shorter hose and smaller cabinet than Model 1033, which has 100 ft. of 1-in. hose.

The unit is connected directly to a water line. A swing-joint mounting on the wall or a stand pipe makes it possible for the cabinet to revolve in alignment with the direction of the hose pull.

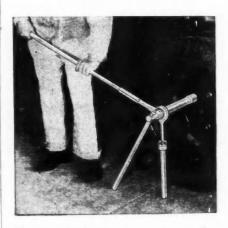
A valye actuating fixture holds the fog nozzle for instant use, and fog appears at the nozzle within four seconds after reaching for the hose. The automatic valve releases the spray to full capacity instantly upon removing the nozzle from the cabinet fixture.

The unit is said to be unusual in that the special nozzle supplies a finely atomized fog with only a medium pressure as is normally provided by city water systems.

With fog fire control there is said to be less water damage than with a solid stream of water. However, to provide protection in instances where a flame is impossible to reach with fog, the unit is also equipped with a standard solid stream noz-

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The new Budd wheel wrench manufactured by the Owatonna Tool Co., Owatonna, Minn., includes an outer socket, an inner socket which slides inside the outer socket, an outboard jack support. a 28-in. bar and a 134-in. box wrench with a 36-in, detachable bar handle. The wrench is said to make removing easier



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NEW PRODUCTS

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P331. Plastic Head Hammer

A new hammer with an unbreakable "Castex" (hard plastic) double-head that will not mar-flat surfaces of metal has been announced by the Schmidgall Mfg. Co., Peoria, Ill.

The "Kant-Mar" fills a special need in machine shops, tool rooms, repair shops, electrical shops, automotive and all types of industrial and service organizations. It is particularly useful on flat metal surfaces where mars, dents and blemishes must be avoided according to the manufacturer.

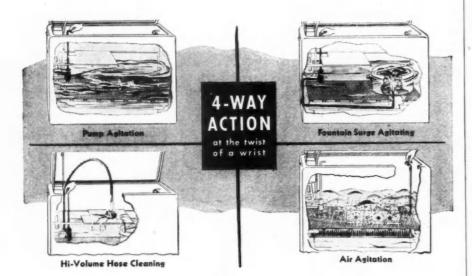
It is durably constructed, yet light in weight and correctly balanced. The head is die cast, is non-breakable, fire proof, acid proof, and of non-conducting material. The base of the head is machined from special light weight aluminum alloys, securely fastened to the head but interchangeable. The handle is high grade hickory.

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P332. Portable Motor Tester

A new motor analyzer designed with portable individual tester units has been

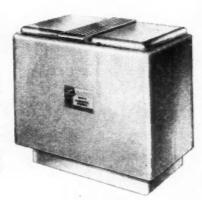
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placed on the market by The Electric Heat Control Co., Cleveland, Ohio. This King Motor Analyzer is equipped with six testers any of which may be removed from the compartment without disturbing the

The units of the analyzer may be purchased separately as desired, including the base and head section, so that shop men with limited capital can purchase testers as the business is built up.

The analyzer is said to be advantageous to the fleet operator in that it can be set up in limited space and can be moved about the shop as required.

The individual units available with the tester include the fuel pump tester, spark plug tester, coil and ignition tester, cam angle-electro tachometer, condenser tester, generator tester and the exhaust gas

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P333. Welding Electrodes

The McKay Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., announces a line of shielded-arc welding electrodes especially designed, packaged and merchandised for small quantity users who need general utility welding rods.

Distributed under the trade-name "Mc-Kay-Rod," these electrodes are packed in water and grease-resistant Handi-Cartons, weighing 31/2 to 5 lb. per box depending on size and type. Each carton-label fully describes the type, size, uses and characteristics of the rods contained therein.

The three McKay-Rod types-M-1, M-2 and M-3-have properties which make them suitable for almost any normal weld-repair job. All types work on AC and DC welding equipment. The M-1 is recommended for general welding and for welding frames, truck bodies, agricultural implements, etc. The M-2 is used for welding light-gage metal, bodies and fenders and for other welding of light sheet-metals. The M-3 for welding cast-iron, is recommended for water-tight welds on engine blocks and cylinder heads and for light and heavy casting repairs.

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NEW PRODUCTS

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P334. Roller Thrust Bearing

Development of a new type of roller bearing capable of carrying heavier loads at higher speeds and lower temperatures—heretofore a "missing link" in the chain of anti-friction bearing evolution—has been announced by SKF Industries, Inc., of New York City.

The new-type spherical roller thrust bearing is expected to facilitate wind tunnel operation for research into such aeronautical projects as gas turbine and jet propulsion speeds and designs. It will also

ease maintenance and operating problems on large vertical water pumps, electric generators and other high-speed machines.

Other important applications of the new development are as thrust blocks on marine propeller shafts, on roll necks in steel and aluminum rolling mills, and as thrust mountings for railroad turntables, water turbines, water wheels, oil well swivels, dredge pumps, extrusion machinery for plastics and rubber, and various types of gear drives.

The bearing's self-aligning principle which compensates for any shaft deflections, distortions or weaves is said to permit heavy loads to be distributed evenly over all rollers and eliminates danger of

overloading. Because of its compactness, it utilizes less space and is righter in weight than a plain bearing.

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P335. Fluorescent Lamps

New fluorescent lamps, designated as 4500 deg. white lamps, in 40-watt T12 and 100-watt T17 sizes have been announced by Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. of Salem, Mass.

A result of more than two years of research and testing of new phosphorescent coatings and lighting performance, these lamps are offered for many applications where lighting can be improved by using a colored light source "warmer" than standard 6500 deg. daylight lamps and "cooler" than the standard 3500 deg. white types.

Initial ratings for the new 4500 deg, lamps are 50 lumens per watt for the 40-watt size and 40 lumens per watt for the 100-watt size.

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P336. Battery Preserver

Corrosion on battery cables and connections can now be prevented and eliminated through the use of a liquid, self-vulcanizing synthetic rubber material marketed under the name of Yu-Re-Nu, according to its manufacturer, R. S. Jones and Son, of San Gabriel, Calif.

Yu-Re-Nu is easily and quickly painted on battery cables and connections and is said to give them a positive, long-lasting, protective coating. It also forms a complete protective insulation for bare copper or aluminum wires.

No heat is required for application. In addition to its use as a protective material, it renews cracked, worn, "leaky" electrical wire installations by covering them with a heavy rubber coating, thus eliminating the necessity of costly rewiring of circuits. Applied to damp, soggy wires, the solution immediately dries them and protects them from further moisture. The manufacturer claims that it will positively resist water, oil, grease, gasoline, battery acid, heat and cold.

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P337. Drain-Cock Wrench

A new type of wrench for opening draincocks has been announced by Associated Producers, Detroit, Mich.

Measuring 4½ in. in length, the "Drainmaster" Drain-Cock Wrench has ends of two different sizes, designed to fit practically all drain-cocks such as are found on radiators, engine blocks, heaters, etc.

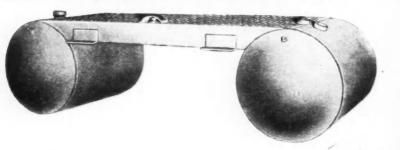
By applying pressure evenly to both ends of the cock at the same time, it protects the cock agains breakage. The baffle-plate construction of the wrench ends shoots the water out at the sides, keeping it from spurting straight out or running down the mechanic's sleeve.

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The program is intended to encourage study and preparation of papers on design, research and education, application and use of arc welding. A total of 452 cash awards for the entire program will be presented

to writers of winning papers on the preparation of textbooks, on farming, and on practically all types of commercial and industrial progress involving welding.

Automotive, one of the 15 classifications, is divided into two divisions; Motive Power or Motive Power Accessories and Structures or Structural Accessories. Automotive maintenance men also enter the competition under the program's "Maintenance" classification.

Complete details of the program, which closes June 1, 1947, may be obtained by writing the secretary, The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation, Cleveland 1, Ohio.

THIS MONTH'S PAYLOAD

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The engine is placed in position on the stand with a chain hoist. The block is held in place by a bolt at each end. A swivel arrangement permits turning the engine to any desired position by means of a crank.

The mechanic grinds the valves and assembles them with the block in an upright position. Next, he turns the block on its side to install pistons, then turns it upside down to install bearings, shafts, oil pump and pan.

After the engine is assembled and painted, the mechanic installs a radiator on the front end of the stand and an instrument board on the other end. He then starts the engine running on the stand. After running 18 to 20 hours, it is given a final check, mounted on a dolly and placed in stock until needed. (Turn to Page 50, please.)



Improvements on C.O.E.s



by JOSEPH GESCHELIN Commercial Car Journal Detroit Technical Editor

WHAT is new in c.o.e.s for 1947? Some of the answers will be found in this study for COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL readers, based upon contacts with every important manufacturer in the truck field.

Going over the returns, it is obvious that strikes and economic uncertainty have delayed action on the part of many important companies. Although they all cooperated, the majority asked us to hold their returns confidential. On the other hand, there are some ready and willing to talk. Here are two excerpts:

WHITE MOTOR: We propose to build a number of c.o.e.s with improvements which will facilitate maintenance. Regarding the future, we believe it is possible to make a c.o.e. which can be as good or better than a conventional model.

We expect to build not only a greatly improved suspension but, also, a complete system of heating and ventilating. We will attempt to improve vision and seating . . . ultimately build c.o.e.s of horsepowers corresponding to conventional designs.

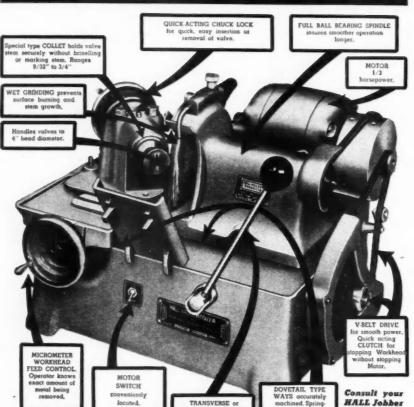
DODGE: Prewar models and ratings will be continued for 1947. There will be some interesting changes. For one thing, more accessibility under the cab. Also, driver comfort, improved engine performance.

This brings us to the reports from producers who provided information but asked to keep it confidential. A complete digest of the reports submitted by this group will be found on Table I. (Turn to Page 38, please.)

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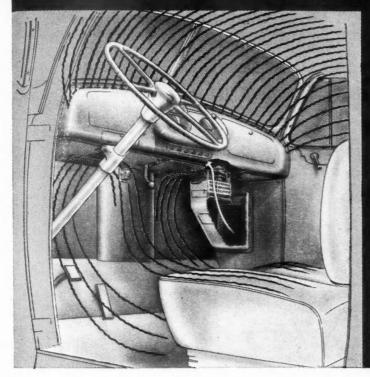


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... THOMAS R. LIPPARD, recently re-elected president of the Federal Motor Truck Co. ... Ferdinand L. Ruddon, re-elected as vice president at the annual meeting of stockholders.

... W. A. WILLIAMS, as sales manager of the Ford Motor Co. He succeeds A. B.

Pease, recently appointed general manager of the Light Car Division of the company.

. . Russel P. Wood, newly appointed manager of the Ford Motor Co.'s Twin City branch in St. Paul, Minn.

... ALBERT J. BROWNING, recently appointed as director of purchases for the Ford Motor Co.

... WALTER J. HAECKER, named manager of the Jacksonville, Fla., district of the Tire Replacement Sales division of the B. F. Goodrich Co.



Transport operators know how one truck out of commission can throw off delivery schedules and delay shipments; even a small fire in an engine or load can put your truck on the dead-line. A Pyrene Vaporizing Liquid extinguisher stops all types of fires before they spread. It's safe to use on electrical apparatus because it's non-conducting and non-

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. . . J. S. WAIN-RIGHT, as vice president in charge of sales for the Mansfield Tire & Rubber Co., Mansfield, Ohio



BOLSTER, as central division manager of the Whiz Automotive Division of the R. M. Hollingshead Corp., Camden. N. J. He will make headquarters in Minneapolis

. . . John Ready, as sales engineer for the Gabriel Co., Cleveland, Ohio. He will be assigned to the Detroit sales office to assist in contacting automobile manufacturers

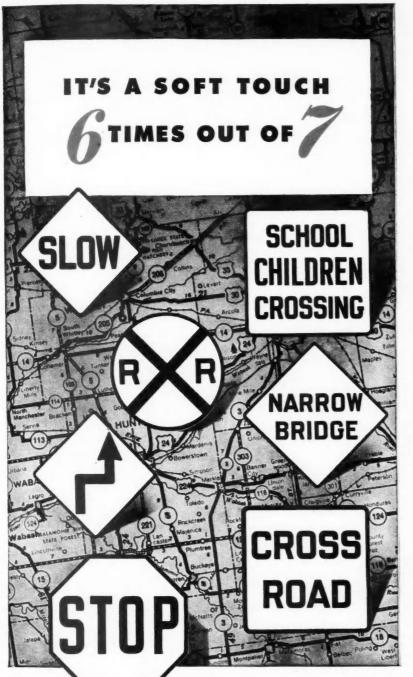


... ROBERT J. TEL-FORD, vice president and general manager of Reo

Motors Co., Canada, Ltd. as Eastern Division manager for Federal-Mogul Service. He will make his headquarters at the new plant in Coldwater, Mich.



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. . . CHARLES I. KRAUS, appointed sales manager of the Alemite distribution division of Stewart-Warner Corp. . . . And GUSTAVE TREFFEISEN, as assistant sales manager of the company.

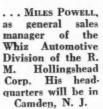
... C. F. BRITTAIN, JR., recently appointed to the sales staff of the Pennsylvania Rubber Co. in the Los Angeles branch.

... J. J. WOLVERTON, as special representative in Southeast Texas for the Houston branch of the General Tire & Rubber Co.

. . . CLIFF G. CURRIE, newly appointed to a new sales position as sales engineer for the U. S. Tires division at the general offices of the United States Rubber Co. New district managers are HARRY J. Noz-NESKY, Pittsburgh district; KARL N. CAR-TER, Memphis district; EDWARD W. OTTO, Salt Lake City district; and FREDERICK C. TUCKER, San Antonio district. WALTER L. CLARKSON has been named assistant district manager of the Philadelphia district. . . . WARREN STUART, KERBY GARRETT and JOHN McEwan, who will handle sales for the Belden Mfg Co., in the respective areas of California, Texas and Oklahoma, and New York and New England.



. . HARLEY B. RILEY, as Western Division manager Federal-Mogul Service. He will continue to manage the Wichi Kan., branch Wichita,







. SCOTT E. COL-LINS, as zone sales manager in charge of the new Cleveland office of the General Detroit Corp. and the General Pacific Corp.



. . VICTOR MATU-LATIS, as division sales engineer of the Eaton Mfg. Co., Heater Division

HARRY ROBERTS, newly appointed manager of battery and spark plug sales for the Replace-ment Tire Division of The B. F. Goodrich Co.

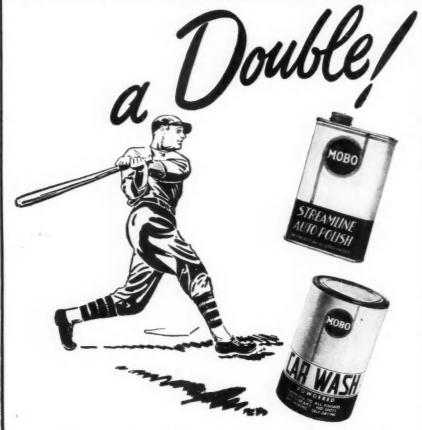


. . E. DUDLEY Kress, newly appointed assistant sales manager of the Ditzler Color Division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Detroit, Mich.



. WILLIAMS P. MICHELL, who has joined the engineering staff of the Spicer Mfg. Co., as technical assistant to the vice presi-dent

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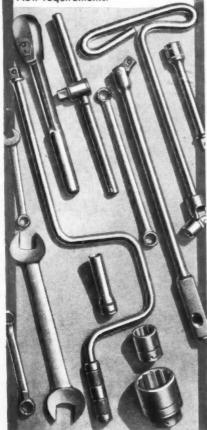
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. . ARTHUR J. WIELAND, recently named director of a newly-created distribution division of Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.

. . . JOHN J. PAIGE, who will take over the duties of advertising manager for Haskelite Mfg. Corp., Grand Rapids, Mich.

. . . ROBERT K. YECK, as technical service representative for the state of New Mexico for Turco Products, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal. . . . GEORGE W. COCKE, who has joined the sales force of Bowser, Inc., as a representative in the Tulsa, Okla., area.

. . . HARRY G. KEBEL, as advertising manager and HENRY S. BEAN, as sales promotion manager of the Ethyl Specialties Corp., new company formed by the Ethyl Corp. to market Ethyl Cleaner.

. . . J. FRED KENNY, as sales manager of Standard Motor Products, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y.

. . H. CLAIRE DEES, as manager of the Seattle division of Ethyl Corp., to succeed HARRY KUHE, who becomes manager of the Chicago division.

... WILLIAM FLETCHER FARRELL, who will direct Sinclair Refining Co.'s National Account Division.

. . Don Callender, recently appointed to the sales staff of Toledo Steel Products Co., Toledo, Ohio. He will cover Virginia and West Virginia for the company.

. . CLIFF DESHETLER, appointed to the sales staff of Toledo Steel Products Co., to cover the Western Pennsylvania area.



. H. H. ALLYN. who has resigned his position of sales manager of the Warner - Patterson Co., to retire after more than 25 years with the company

W. Grimm. John who has resumed his duties with the Cooper Corp. Findlay, Ohio, as manager of truckbus tire sales





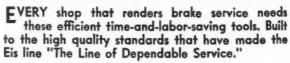
. . . REX C. HALL, new general manager of automotive sales of the Sherwin-Williams Co. Cleveland, Ohio Co..

. ALWIN A. GLOETZNER, who has been selected to head the new Southeastern territory for the New Departure Division of General Motors Corp.

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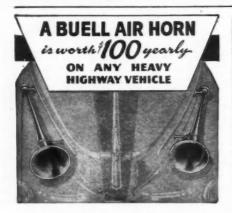
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IHC REORGANIZES IN KANSAS

The International Harvester Co. has taken steps to expand its motor truck and farm equipment business in Wichita and the Kansas area, with the establishment of a separate motor truck branch in Wichita. L. A. Hanson has been named branch manager. L. J. De Mars will head the general line branch which handles the company's farm equipment line in Wichita.

MACK COMPLETES DALLAS PLANT

Work has been completed on the new Mack-International Motor Truck plant in Dallas, Tex. D. C. Wheeler, who directs the company's operations throughout one half of Texas, all of New Mexico and the Republic of Mexico, will manage the new branch.

The modern fire-proof building covers nearly half a block and will contain complete facilities for the distribution and 24-hour servicing of trucks, buses, fire apparatus and marine engines. Offices will be air-conditioned.

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TRUCKSTELL OFFICIALS MEET

Predicting that 1946 sales of the Truckstell Mfg. Co.'s distributors will exceed \$30,000,000, president Donald W. Meyer outlined nation-wide plans at the convention in Detroit, April 8-12. The meetings were attended by distributors, executives, sales and service personnel from all sections of the U. S. and Honolulu.

Guests at the Truckstell sessions included Ted V. Rodgers, president of American Trucking Assns.; J. W. Burke and A. R. Cosgrove, truck department of Chevrolet division of General Motors; J. D. Ball, Dave W. Lee, and V. C. Kloepper, truck division of the Ford Motor Co.; L. F. Van Nortwick, George A. Orphal, and Herman Ude, truck sales department of the Dodge division, Chrysler Corp.

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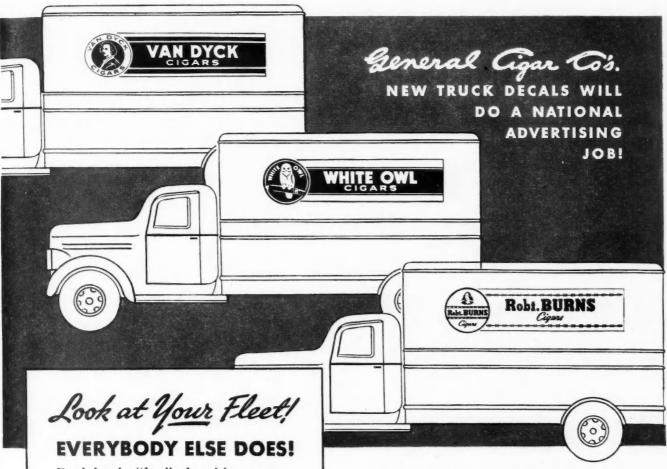
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NEW BOWERS DIVISION

A new division to be known as the Electronic Products Division has been set up by the Bowers Battery & Spark Plug Co. of Reading, Pa., to manufacture radios, storage battery chargers, flashlight dry cell batteries and other electrical appliances, according to C. P. Bowers, president of the company.

McQUAY-NORRIS OPENS BRANCH

McQuay-Norris Mfg. Co. has opened a new factory branch and warehouse at 1354A Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. The new branch will carry adequate stocks of parts manufactured by the company, and will maintain a complete machine shop for piston finishing, pin fitting, tin plating and bearing resizing. The factory will house the district sales offices of the company under the direction of district manager John F. Thurston.

VAN NORMAN CO. BUYS MORSE

The Van Norman Co., of Springfield, Mass., has purchased substantially all of the stock of the Morse Twist Drill and Machine Co., of New Bedford, Mass.

Morse Twist Drill will be operated as a separate corporation, according to the announcement, and will remain in New Bedford. Officers of the new management are: James Y. Scott, president; James A.

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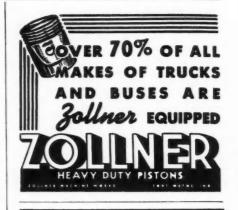
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"weighs 2900 lb. and is built to carry 800 lb. of goods in addition to two men. It has a capacity of 20 miles at a 9-mile rate over city streets." The storage battery weighed 1000 lb. The job was built earlier that year because an item in the May, 1898, issue carried the news that Altman delivery wagon had been exhibited by Riker at the Electrical Exposition in Madison Square Garden and that it was "the model from which a larger number are to be furnished this enterprising merchant."

After reading the above item this enterprising student of automotive archives dug into his accumulated notes and there found an item that caused him to wonder how the credit was accorded. The item he found showed that the *Horseless Age*, in its issue of August, 1897, had recorded the "recent" building of "two electric delivery wagons" by the American Electric Vehicle Co., of Chicago, for "Charles A. Stevens & Bros., a silk house of the same city." The report concludes with the statement that "Stevens & Bros. are said to have ordered four more wagons of the same style."

Just how the Riker job for Altman rates being called the "first commercial electric delivery wagon," in the face of the above evidence, is something this writer cannot resolve. Perhaps the term (Turn to Page 248, Please)





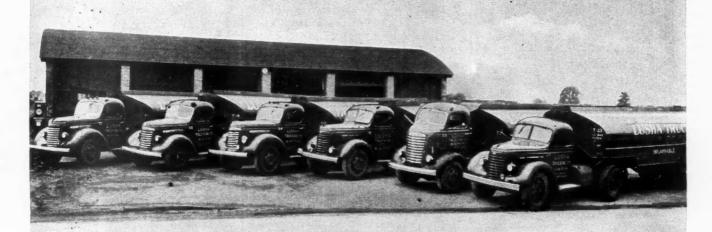






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"commercial" is the determining factor. Perhaps Riker offered a line of models, one of which was sold to Altman. Perhaps the American Electric Vehicle job was a "special" built solely for Stevens and not offered as a model. Perhaps it should be assumed that the Horseless Age knew what it was talking about when it gave credit to Riker. There is no evidence in subsequent issues that the verdict was disputed. * * *

Credit for the "first commercial gasoline delivery wagon in the U. S." is given by The Horseless Age to the Winton Motor Carriage Co., Cleveland, Ohio. A photograph of the wagon is shown in the October, 1898, issue. It had pneumatic-tired, wire-spoked wheels and a single-cylinder horizontal engine. The descriptive item says that "The Winton Co. now have three styles of vehicles on the market-a phaeton, a two-seated carriage and a (TURN TO PAGE 250, PLEASE)

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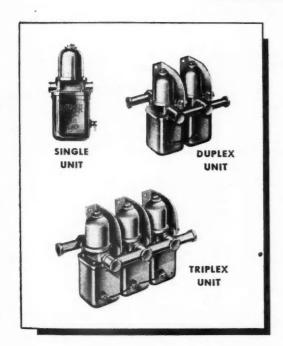
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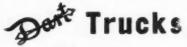
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delivery wagon, the first commercial gasolene delivery wagon manufactured in this country." Of the delivery wagon it was said that "eight are now in course of construction."

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Based on the above evidence the commercial manufacture of motor trucks dates back to 1898. The truck industry, if it elected to do so, would be amply justified in celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 1948.

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